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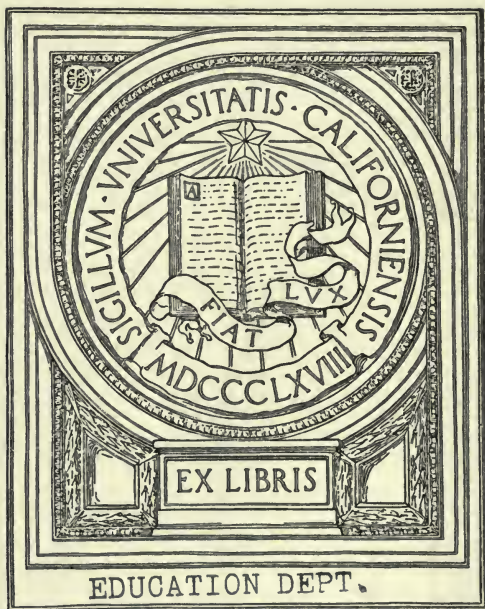
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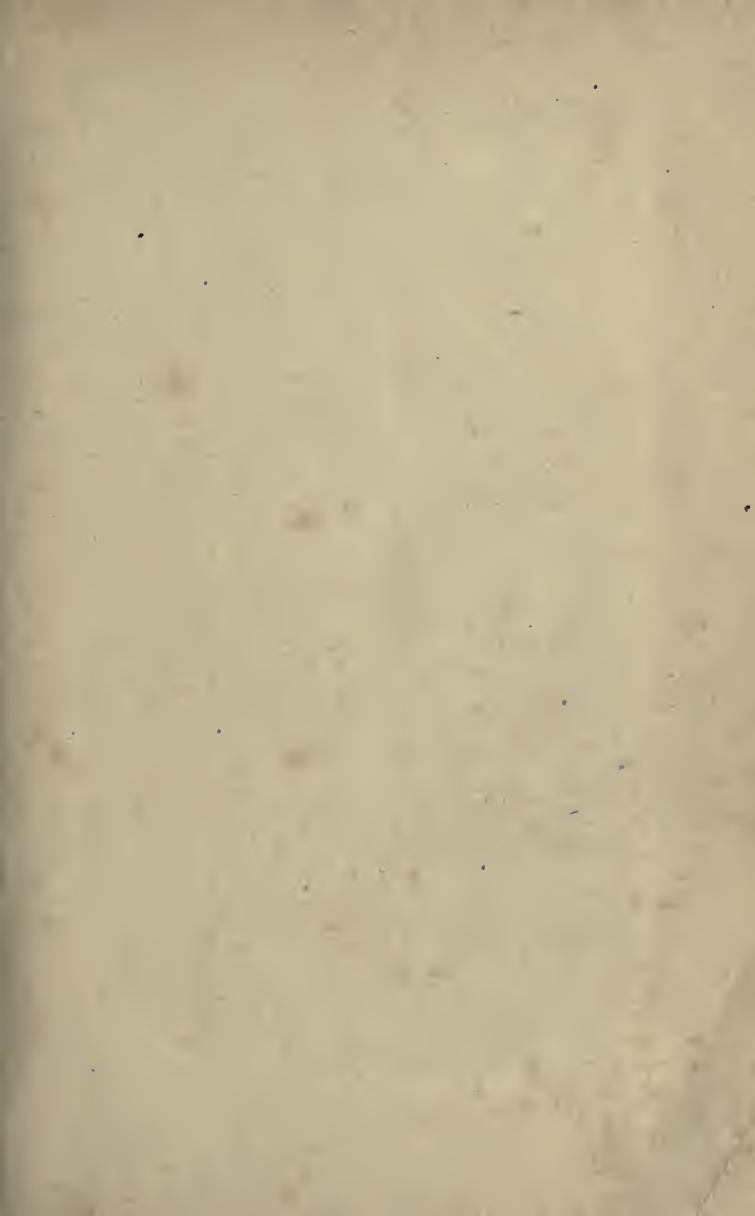
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EXERCISES IN READING, ACCOMPANIED WITH SIMPLE AND
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P R E F A C E .

THIS volume, though designed to follow "The Word-Builder," is complete in itself, and may be used as a *Second Reader* in any series. In its preparation, we have aimed to adapt the exercises and lessons to the special wants of the pupil; and, while avoiding a feeble and puerile style, to reconcile simplicity with pure literary taste. Beginning with lessons more easy than some at the close of the preceding work, its gradation is so complete, that the learner, almost insensibly overcoming obstacles, at its close will be thoroughly prepared for the succeeding volume.

In Part First, a few simple and comprehensive reading lessons are prepared, to amuse and interest the pupil, to teach him the names of the *points* used in this work, and, as far as may be, give him a practical knowledge of punctuation as applied to reading.

Articulation and *Orthoepy* are recognized as of primary importance. Complete exercises on the elementary sounds and their combinations are so introduced as to teach but one element at a time, and to apply this knowledge to use as soon as it is acquired.

Children, in first attempting to read, find great difficulty in determining the correct pronunciation of the separate words. As usually taught, they are of necessity so intent upon this that they almost wholly lose sight of the connection, sense, and sentiment, and thus contract vicious habits, which, in most instances, remain through life. To avoid this difficulty, and to enable pupils to read understandingly and with ease, each reading lesson is preceded by a list of the more difficult words, arranged for a class exercise in pronunciation.

Clear and satisfactory definitions of words not easily understood by the pupil, as well as all necessary explanations, are given on the pages where they occur. Another feature which we consider of especial importance, is the introduction of numerous dialogues and pieces of a conversational nature.

As most of the lessons are original, or have been rewritten for this little work, a list of the names of authors is deemed unnecessary. To one gentleman in particular, however, the authors of this volume confess themselves much indebted, for the liberty so freely given to avail themselves of his labors. We refer to T. S. Arthur, Esq., whose beautiful tales and stories are read with so much avidity by the rising generation.

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THE NATIONAL SECOND READER. PART I.

MARKS AND PAUSES.

LESSON I.

Les son (les' sn), something to be read, or learned.

Let' ter, a mark used to show a sound.

No' tice, to look at carefully.

Per haps', by chance

Pe' ri od, a dot at the end of a sentence.

Un der stand', to know the meaning of.

THE PERIOD.

YOU have just read all the lessons in the First Reader. In those lessons you read

NOTE.—Pupils should frequently be required to pronounce all the words of the Reading Lesson from right to left, commencing with the last word in each paragraph, before attempting to read them in the usual order.

letters and small words ; but there were many little *marks*, on each page, that you did not read, nor, perhaps, notice.

2. In all books, you will see these little marks. They are not letters ; but they are almost as useful as letters, for they teach the meaning of your lessons.

3. These marks teach you when to pause, or rest, in reading, and help you to understand' what is read. If, then, you do not learn the use of these little marks, you will never be able to read well.

4. I will now teach you the names and use of some of these little marks, or points. The first one I wish you to notice is a little round dot like this . It is called a *Pe'riod*.

5. The period is put after almost every thing that is said. When you come to a period, you must stop and rest. You must let your voice fall, as though you had nothing more to say.

6. John is a good boy.

7. John and Charles are good boys.

8. Mary is a kind little girl.

9. June is the month of roses.

10. Mary gave a white rose to Kate.

11. A red rose is as sweet as a white one.

12. Green leaves are on the trees.
13. Birds sing their sweet songs.
14. The horse and ox eat the green grass.
15. You must stop reading at each period.
16. You must let your voice fall at each period.
17. You may count the periods in this lesson.
18. Tell your teacher how many periods there are in this lesson.

LESSON II.

Hay, grass cut and dried for fodder.

Oats, a kind of grain used mostly as food for horses.

Length, distance between two points.

Taught, made to know.

Fingers (fing' gerz), extreme parts or ends of the hand.

Ques' tion, something said that requires an answer.

In ter ro ga' tion, a question.

THE INTERROGATION POINT.

IN the last lesson, you were taught what the pe'riod is, and how it is used. In this lesson, I wish you to learn the name and use of an oth'er mark.

2. The mark which you are to notice in this lesson is of this shape ? You see it is made by placing a little crooked mark over a period.

3. The name of this mark is the *Question Mark*, because it is always put after a question. Sometimes it is called by a longer and harder name. The long and hard name is the *Interro ga' tion Point*.

4. When you come to a question mark, you must stop and rest. If the question may be answered by *yes* or *no*, your voice must rise on the last word before the question mark. In this lesson, all the questions may be answered by *yes* or *no*.

5. Can you read your lesson well?
6. Can you read the long and hard words?
7. Can Charles read better than you?
8. Do you wish to be at the head of your class?
9. Have you ten fingers?
10. Are your fingers all of the same length?
11. Has any boy or girl more fingers than you have?
12. Does the sun rise in the west?
13. Can a lamb fly in the air?
14. Can a sheep bark like a dog?
15. Does the horse like hay and oats?
16. Do you know the name of this little mark?
17. May all these questions be answered by *yes* or *no*?

18. Does your voice rise when you come to the question mark, in this lesson?

19. Can you tell your teacher by what name the question mark is sometimes called?

20. Can you tell your teacher how many Interrogation Points there are in this lesson?

LESSON III.

Cream, the oily part of milk.

Bought (bawt), got by money.

Dis'tant, far off.

Man'ner, mode; way.

Prop'er, right; correct.

Sup'per, the evening meal.

Pret ty (prit' ty), pleasing to the eye.

Sug ar (shug' ar), a sweet substance.

Co coa-nut (kō' kō), the nut or fruit of a kind of palm-tree.

THE PERIOD AND INTERROGATION POINT.

IN the first lesson, you were told that the voice must *fall* on the last word before the period. In the lesson you have just read, you were told that the voice must *rise* at each question mark, when the question may be answered by *yes* or *no*.

2. In questions that can not be answered by *yes* or *no*, the voice must fall at the question mark. Such questions must be read in the same manner as you would read periods.

3. In this lesson, you will see both periods

and question marks. Some of the questions may be answered by *yes* or *no*; and to some, *yes* or *no* would not be a proper answer.

4. Where did you get that pretty cap?

5. My father bought it for me.

6. How old will you be on your next birthday?

7. The cow gives us milk for our supper.

8. Do you like cream and sugar in your tea?

9. Did you ever see a nut that had milk in it?

10. The cocoa-nut is full of milk.

11. Cocoa-nuts grow on tall trees in very distant lands.

12. They are brought to us in ships.

13. Did you ever taste a cocoa-nut cake?

14. How many periods are there in this lesson?

15. Do you see any questions in this lesson that may be answered by *yes* or *no*?

16. After what questions must the voice rise?

17. After what questions must the voice fall?

18. Does the voice rise or fall at a period?

19. How many questions are there in this lesson?

20. How many questions in this lesson can not be answered by *yes* or *no*?

LESSON IV.

Strange, that which is new to us.

Voice, sound or tone coming from the mouth of man or brute.

In' jured, hurt in body.

Break fast (brĕk' fast), the morning meal.

Morn'ing, first part of the day.

Hungry (hung' gry), greatly in want of food.

Tan gled (tang' gld), twined together.

De lights', gives us great joy.

Ex clama' tion, a sudden loud cry.

THE EXCLAMATION POINT.

THE *Ex clama' tion Point* is a mark like this ! When you see something that is very strange, or that delights or pleases you very much, the words you would use in speaking of it should have the mark of exclamation after them.

2. If a little boy fall and break his arm or his leg, or is very much injured in any way, what he says should have this mark after it.

3. In this lesson, the voice should fall on the last word before this mark, and you should rest for a short time.

4. Tell your teacher how many times the exclamation point is used in this lesson, and on what words the voice falls.

5. What a fine morning it is ! How brightly the sun shines ! How green the grass is ! How sweetly the birds sing !

6. Why, there goes a little rabbit! How shy it is! How fast it runs! Oh, how glad I am to see it!

7. Dear Mother! What a cold day it is! How fast it snows! How thick the ice is! How the poor little birds must suffer! How hungry they must be!

8. How hot the fire is! How black the cake is burnt!

9. How tired I am! What a great distance I have run! How badly I have torn my dress!

10. Oh, how hungry I am! How long it seems since I ate my breakfast! How long it will be before I have my dinner!

11. How pretty the baby looks! Oh, how dearly I love him! What a pretty child he is!

12. Ah, you careless boy! How dirty your hands are! How much they need washing! How tangled your hair looks!

LESSON V.

Shaped, formed; made.

Gnaw, to tear with the teeth.

Clothes, covering for the body.

Scratch, to tear with the nails.

Friend, one who wishes us well.

Cheese, the curd of milk pressed

Catch' es, takes quick hold of.

Chick' ens, the young of hens and other fowls.

Fur' ther, a greater distance.

Be sides', in addition to.

Ex plain', to make plain.

THE COMMA.

BESIDES the Period, the Interrogation or Question Mark, and the Exclamation Point, there is another little mark used in books. It is shaped like this , and it is called the *Com' ma*.

2. The Comma is often used in places where there are many words to read before you come to a period.

3. It will be proper, before you read more about the comma, to explain to you what is meant by a sentence.

4. The words which stand between one period, question, or exclamation, and another period, question, or exclamation, are called a sentence if they ask or tell something.

5. The sentence almost always ends with a period ; and the sentence itself is also called a period.

6. When you read a sentence in which there is a comma, you may stop at the comma a very short time, to take breath.

7. You must try to read every thing just as you would say it if you had no book before you, and you were saying what is in your book to some of your friends.

8. Now, you may read the sentences that fol-

low, and tell your teacher how many commas there are in each sentence.

9. Tray is a pretty, kind, and gentle little dog.

10. The horse, if he is well treated, is very kind and useful.

11. The cat will scratch with her sharp claws, and hurt you very much, if you trouble her.

12. The dog does not scratch, like a cat, but, when he is angry, he bites.

13. The cow, when she is cross, will sometimes toss the dog into the air with her long horns, if he bark at her.

14. The cat catches mice and rats, when they come out of their holes, by night or by day, to gnaw the cheese, the bread, the cake, or other things.

15. What boy, in this class, did not study his lesson, because it was too long?

16. Where is the boy, but nine years old, who can run faster, jump further, or swim better, than James Bruce?

17. Will the little white mouse, the cross dog, the sly cat, and the pet bird all play in the same room?

18. If the old hen and her chickens could live in the water, if the little fishes could live on

land, if little boys and girls could fly in the air, should we not think it very strange?

19. In the morning, as soon as you rise from your bed, wash your face and your hands, comb your hair, brush your teeth, clean your fingernails, brush your clothes, and, when you are all neat and clean, kneel down by the side of your bed, and say your prayers to the great and good God, who made you.

LESSON VI.

Wolves, fierce wild beasts.

Hawks, fierce, blood-thirsty birds.

Sleigh, a vehicle on runners to slide over the snow or ice.

Cru'el, giving pain to others.

De scribed', explained.

In' no cent, not hurtful.

Ve' hi cle, that on which any person or thing is carried.

THE SEMICOLON.

THIS mark is called the *Sem' i colon*; You see it is made by placing a period over a comma.

2. When you come to a semicolon in reading, you may make a longer pause than when you come to a comma.

3. In the sentences that follow, you will find all the marks I have now described to you, and I hope you will try to use them as you have been taught.

4. In cold weather, children sometimes go to school in sleighs ; and then they have fine fun, and laugh, and shout, as they are drawn swiftly over the snow.

5. When school is out, they play with their sleds ; or, perhaps, go on the river or the pond to skate ; and then they do not seem to care for the cold, nor the snow, nor the ice.

6. Dear father, do look out of the window ; and see how fast the snow falls ! It has covered the tops of the houses ; it has bent down the branches of the trees ; it has blown under the cracks of the door, and it seems as if the air is full of snow.

7. See, mother, see the big moon, and the pretty little stars ! I think the moon is the little stars' mother. No, my dear, the stars are much larger than the moon ; but they are so far off, that they look smaller than they are.

8. When it is cloudy, in the night, we can not see the moon and stars ; and then it is very dark.

9. How fast the rain is falling ! The cows, the horses, and the sheep have gone into the barn to get out of the storm ; and the dog is pawing the door, to ask leave to come in and dry himself by the kitchen fire.

10. Good an'i mals are in' no cent and useful ; but evil animals are cruel and hurtful.

11. Sheep, and cows, and doves are good animals ; but wolves, and bears, and hawks are evil animals.

12. Can you count the semicolons in this lesson, and tell your teacher how many there are ?

LESSON VII.

Ti' ny, very small.

Up' right, straight up ; erect.

Pleas' ant, that which causes agreeable feelings.

Mead' ow, a grass field from which hay is cut.

Ceil' ing, the upper covering of a room.

Spark' le, to shine with a bright changing light.

Re cite', to say aloud.

Re quest', a favor asked.

A fright', filled with fear.

Ap pear', to come into view.

Al lowed', granted; permitted.

Dis tinct' ly, plainly.

THE COLON.

THERE is one more mark that I wish to show you : it is the *Co' lan*. The colon is made by placing one period over another, like this :

2. The colon is not seen so often in books as the semicolon ; but if you see one when you are reading, you may rest longer at it than you would stop at a semicolon.

3. A little boy is by no means to be allowed to do as he pleases : he must mind what is said to him : he must try to please his father and

mother : he must be kind and pleasant to every one : he should treat others, as he would wish that they should treat him.

4. The grass grows in the green meadow : the leaves appear on the trees : the blossoms are all open : the weather is mild and warm.

5. Learn your lessons well : study them a long time : be careful to read the words correct'ly ; and, when you recite your lessons, speak clearly, distinct'ly, and loudly.

6. You have said in your joy : I will study my lesson : I will spell all the hard words : I will learn the names of all the marks : I will read as though I were talking : I will stand at the head of my class.

7. One day, a good little girl, whose name is Anna Smith, learned these lines, at the request of her teacher :

8. I see, my little fly, your wings,
That sparkle in the sun :
I see your legs, what tiny things !
And yet how fast they run !

9. You walk along the ceiling now,
And down the upright wall :
I'll ask mamma to tell me how
You walk and do not fall

10. I'll near you stand, to see you play
But do not be afraid :
I would not lift my little hand
To hurt what God has made.

LESSON VIII.

Pause, a stop.

Curved, formed into a curve;
bent.

Point, the sharp end of any
thing; a mark.

Enough (eñf'), plenty.



MARKS AND PAUSES.

Teacher. I will now ask some questions about the marks used in reading. In the lessons you have just read, you were told the names and use of these marks. If you attend to what I say, I think you will be able to answer all my ques-

tions. Charles, what is the name and use of the little curved dot you see on the blackboard?

Charles. That little curved dot is called a *comma*. It is used to mark the shortest pause. When I come to a comma in reading, I may stop and rest for a short time.

Teacher. That is right, Charles. You may tell me, Mary, which of the marks is called the *semicolon*, and what it shows.

Mary. The semicolon is a comma with a little round dot over it. The semicolon shows a pause that is usually twice as long as that of a comma.

Teacher. Emma, you may tell me all you know of the next mark you see on the board.

Emma. The next mark is two dots, one over the other: it is called the *colon*. The colon shows a longer pause than the semicolon. When reading, I may rest at a colon enough longer than at a semicolon to say *and*.

Teacher. William, you may tell me the name and use of this little round dot.

William. It is a *period*. When I come to a period, I must stop, as if I had done reading. My voice must fall at a period, and I must rest longer than at a colon. The period is placed at the end of a sentence.

Teacher. Anna, can you tell what a sentence is ?

Anna. The words that are used to ask or to tell something are called a sentence. The sentence almost always ends with a period ; and it is sometimes called a period.

Teacher. If I say, *The good boy*, are these three words a sentence ?

Anna. No, sir. They do not tell us any thing.

Teacher. James, if I say, *The good boy studies*, are these four words a sentence ?

James. Yes, sir. They tell us something. They tell us what the good boy does.

Teacher. Very well, James : can you tell the name and use of this crooked mark ?

James. It is the *interrogation point*, or *question mark*, and it is always placed after a question. If the question may be answered by *yes* or *no*, the voice must rise at the interrogation point. If the question can not be answered by *yes* nor *no*, the voice must fall at this point.

Teacher. You may tell me, Charles, what you know of the last mark on the board.

Charles. The name of the last mark on the board is the *exclamation point*. I must rest at that point ; and, when it is placed at the end of a sentence, my voice must fall.

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PART II.

EXERCISES IN READING.

LESSON I.

Stream, running water.
Some' times, now and then.
In' sect, a very small animal.
Pict' ure, a likeness of a thing.
Past' ure, a field where cattle
graze, or feed on grass.
Pro nounce', toutter ; to speak

Depends', trusts ; leans on.
Attend', to notice carefully.
Evening (e' vning), the close
of the day.
Beau' ti ful, very pleasing to
the eye.
Re mem' ber, to keep in mind.

THE NEW BOOK.

ONE fine morning, in the month of June, a little boy, by the name of John True, was seen going to school, with his sister Mary.

2. He was a very good little boy, and his sister was also a very kind girl ; but she was larger and older than her brother.

3. Though they lived a great way from the school-house, you will see, if you look at the picture below, that it was a very pleasant walk.



4. On the left side of the road, there is a fine stream of clear, cold water. Sometimes they would stand on the bridge that passes over the stream, and watch the little fishes playing in the water.

5. The little fishes would sometimes spring up from the water, to catch flies, or other in-

sects. Sometimes they would chase one another in the stream, or turn over and over, and show their bright little fins, that sparkled like silver or gold.

6. You see, on the right side of the road, some very fine trees. Here the little birds built their nests; and, every morning and evening, John and Mary could hear them singing their sweet songs.

7. The cows and sheep used to come from the pasture to drink; and, on warm days, the cows would stand in the water, under that large tree near the stream.

8. John was very happy this morning, though he had not once thought of these beautiful things. What do you think made him so happy? I will tell you.

9. He had been to school during all the cold weather, and had tried so hard to learn to read, that he had read all the lessons in the Word-BUILDER, and could spell the words in it, without looking at his book.

10. You see, in the picture, he has a book in his hand. It is a new book. His father bought it for him the day before, and his class were to read the first lesson in it this morning.

11. It was a very pretty book. Its name you

can see on the back of the book you hold in your hand, for his book was just like yours.

12. It was the new book, then, that made John so happy. As he was thinking of it, he asked his sister Mary how long it would be before he could read all the lessons in his new book, and have another Reader.

13. My dear brother, said his sister, that depends on yourself. If you study your lessons with care, see how the words are spelled, and attend to what your teacher says, you will soon be able to read all the lessons in your new book.

14. I hope, my young reader, that you will remember what Mary said to her little brother. If you study your lessons with great care, and learn to pronounce and spell all the hard words, you will soon be able to read all the lessons in this book, and then you can have a new one.

ARTICULATION.

ã or à.

àge,	àpe,	bàle;	bàthe,	càge,	càve;
dàle,	dàme,	flàke;	flàme,	gàte,	gàve;
hàste,	hàte,	làke;	màke,	ràge,	sàme;
sàve,	tàle,	tàpe;	vàle,	wàke,	wàve.

NOTE.—Letters representing the element taught in each exercise in Articulation, wherever they occur in reading lessons immediately succeeding, are printed in *italics*.

LESSON II.

Spring, first season of the year.

Boughs, branches of trees.

Li' lac, a flowering shrub.

Blos' soms, flowers of plants.

Ma' ple, name of a forest tree.

Snow'-drop, an early spring plant bearing white flowers.

Pat' ter, to strike with a quick succession of small sounds.

Garden (gar' dn), ground carefully cultivated.

Win' ter, last season of the year.

Cro' cus, a beautiful plant that blossoms early in spring.

Pur' ple, a color made of blue and red,—most red.

Frozen (fro' zn), hardened by cold.

But' ter-cups, small yellow flowers.

Vi' o let, a color made of red and blue,—most blue.



SPRING

SPRING has come. The soft, rich rains have melted the snow and ice of winter. The

water in the frozen brook and river is now set free.

2. The red blossoms of the maple, and the white blossoms of the dog-wood, have appeared. The buds upon the lilac have swelled and burst, and their sweet odor scents the air. The white blossoms of the cherry-tree hang upon its boughs, like snow-flakes.

3. The white snow-drop, the yellow and purple crocus, and the blue violet, have appeared; and now the May flowers open their soft blue eyes.

4. The songs of the birds are heard in the garden and the wood; the little lambs skip and play in the green pastures; and the busy bees are gathering their honey.

5. Men are at work in the gardens and the fields; and the fresh earth sends up a pleasant smell.

6. Children are let loose in the fields and gardens. They walk upon the green grass, and pick the early flowers. They hold butter-cups under each others' chins, in play, to see whether they like butter.

7. The dewy evening comes on. There are no clouds in the blue sky. The moon and stars shine with a soft and clear light. All is still.

There is not a breath of wind ; no hum of bees ; no sŏng of birds ; not a sound upon the earth, or in the air.

8. If there are clouds in the sky, there will be no wild storm of wind and rain. The warm drops of the gentle shower will patter on the roof, like the light tread of your little brother or sister's feet. You will not wish to sleep ; but you will lie awake to hear the pleasant sound of the dropping rain.

ARTICULATION.

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ăt,	ăct,	ăsh ;	brăd,	băde,	brând ;
clăm,	clămp,	clăsh ;	dămp,	dănk,	dăsh ;
lămp,	lănd,	lăsh ;	rănk,	rănt,	răsh ;
sămp,	săsh,	scănt ;	văn,	vălve,	vămp.

LESSON III.

Edge, border ; brink.

Tame (tăm), not wild or fierce.

Piec' es, parts.

Tur' tle, a four-footed animal,
covered with a shell.

Secure', to keep safely.

Af fec' tion, love ; kinndess.

Ve' hi cle, that on which any
person or thing is carried.

Car' riages, vehicles on wheels

Creat ures (krèt' yerz), ani-
mals of any kind.



THE GIRL AND THE FISHES.

IN a town near Boston, there once stood a small house, close by the side of a river. A little girl lived in this house, with her father and mother.

2. This was a very kind little girl. Every day she used to take some bits of bread, and go near the edge of the river, and call "Turtie, turtie."

3. A number of turtles would swim to the place where she was, and catch the pieces of bread she threw into the water, or take them out of her hand.

4. When the little fishes saw how kind and

gentle she was, *and* that she did them no harm, they would also come *and* eat the crumbs of bread.

5. The turtles *and* fishes soon became so tame, that she could put her hands into the water *and* take hold of them.

6. People came many miles in their carriages to see the little girl feed the fishes *and* turtles. She was so gentle *and* kind, that the little creatures *had* no fear of her. They would crowd around her hands in the water, *and* take the bread from her fingers.

7. You see, from this lesson, how much may be done by kindness. The little boy or girl that is kind to others, will always have friends. By kindness to dogs, horses, *and* other animals, you may always secure their affection ; *and*, as you have seen, even turtles *and* fishes may be tamed by kindness.

ARTICULATION.

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ärch,	ärm,	ärt ;	bärd,	bärke,	bärk ;
cärd,	cärke,	därk ;	därn,	därt,	fär ;
färm,	här,	härk ;	härm,	läre,	lärk ;
märch,	märk,	pärk ;	pärt,	smärt,	stärch.

LESSON IV.

Harsh, rough ; severe.

Grieved, pained in mind.

Bruised, crushed by a blow.

Roughly (rūf' ly), ill-naturedly.

Scarce' ly, hardly.

Mind' ed, cared for.

Wound' ed, cut ; injured.

Sin gle (sīng' gl), one ; alone.

SPEAK KINDLY.

SPEAK kindly to your brother, Henry : kind words *are* as easily said as harsh ones.

2. See ! there *are* tears in little Charley's eyes. It was but a moment since that his happy laugh filled the whole room.

3. Are you not grieved, my boy, that a single word, roughly spoken by you, should have chased the sunshine from that sweet little face ? I am sure you *are*.

4. There, now his tears have all gōne, and his dear little *arms are* around your neck. Never speak harshly to him again, Henry ; nor, indeed, to any one.

5. Kind words *are* easily spoken, and they do good to all ; while angry words hurt as badly as blows ; and, sometimes, a great deal worse.

6. Words hurt as badly as blows ? Oh, yes ; and, as I have just said, a great deal worse.

7. I have seen a little boy, who scarcely ever

mined a fall, even though his flesh was sometimes bruised, or wounded, weep, as if his heart would break, at an unkind word. Speak kindly to each other, then, my children.

ARTICULATION.

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âll,	bâll,	bâld ;	châlk,	fâll,	fâlse ;
gâll,	hâll,	hâlt ;	mâlt,	sâlt,	scâld ;
stâll,	swâth	tâll ;	tâlk,	thrâll,	wâll ;
wâlk,	wârm,	wârd ;	wârn,	wânt,	wârp.

LESSON V.

Bars, strips ; narrow pieces.

Slim, thin ; slender and long.

Clock, a large time-piece which marks the hour of the day.

Point'ing, marking out.

Fig ures (fig'yerz), marks standing for numbers.

Din'ner, second meal of the day.

THE CLOCK.

THE clock is a very useful thing. It tells the time of the day, and of the night.

2. We wish to know at what time to rise in the morning, at what time to take our break-



fast, at what time to go to school, at what time to go home from school, at what time to have our dinner and our supper, and when it is time to go to bed.

3. This is what a clock or a watch will tell us.

4. But how can the clock tell us the time? The clock can not speak.

5. Oh, no, the clock can not speak; but the clock can tell us the time by pointing to it.



6. If your little brother should ask you where his ball is, and you should point to the floor, under the table, with your finger, that would be telling him, without speaking.

7. So the clock tells the hours, by pointing to them, without speaking.

8. The clock has no fingers to point with;

but it has two lǒng and slim bars, which we call its hands, which I shall show you in this picture.



9. In the picture, you see the round face of the clock, with its two hands pointing at the figures, which are all around the face.

10. The figures stand for numbers, and there are twelve of them on the face of the clock. These numbers are sometimes made with figures, and sometimes with letters.

11. Here are the numbers, made both with letters and with figures, which you must read before I can tell you any thing more about the clock.

One 1	I	Seven . . . 7	VII
Two 2	II	Eight . . . 8	VIII
Three 3	III	Nine 9	IX
Four 4	IV	Ten 10	X
Five 5	V	Eleven . . . 11	XI
Six 6	VI	Twelve . . . 12	XII

LESSON VI.

Hour, the 24th part of a day.

Quar' ter, fourth part of a thing.

Min ute (min' it), the sixtieth part of an hour.

Be cause', for the reason.

Con clud' ed, ended ; finished.

Ex act ly (egz âkt' ly), precisely ; just the thing.

THE CLOCK — Concluded.

THE clock has two hands, a long one and a short one. The short hand is the hour-hand, and the long one is the minute-hand.

2. The short hand, or hour-hand, moves very slowly ; and the long hand, or minute-hand, goes all around the face of the clock, while the hour-hand goes from one figure to the next one.



3. In this picture, you see that the hour-hand points to the number one, and the minute-hand points to twelve. It is now exactly one o'clock, by this clock.

4. When the minute-hand points to twelve, the hour-hand always points to the hour of the

day, and it is exactly that hour at which the hour-hand points.

5. It would be very easy to tell what o'clock it is, if we had to tell only the hour, *because* the hour-hand points to the hour.

6. But, to tell the time exactly, we must look at the minute-hand, as well as the hour-hand, and see where the minute-hand is.

7. When the minute-hand points to the figure one, it is five minutes past the hour at which the hour-hand points.

8. When the minute-hand is at the figure two, it is ten minutes past the hour.

9. When the minute-hand is at three, it is fifteen minutes, or a *quarter*, past the hour at which the hour-hand points.

10. When the minute-hand is at four, it is twenty minutes past the hour.

11. When the minute-hand is at five, it is twenty-five minutes past the hour.

12. When the minute-hand is at six, it is thirty minutes, or *half-past* the hour, and the hour-hand has reached half way to the next hour.

13. When the minute-hand is at seven, it then wants twenty-five minutes of the next hour; that is, the hour to which the hour-hand is nearest.

14. When the minute-hand is at eight, it then wants twenty minutes of the next hour.

15. When the minute-hand is at nine, it wants a quarter of that next hour.

16. When the minute-hand is at ten, it wants ten minutes of that next hour.



17. When the minute-hand is at eleven, it then wants five minutes of the hour to which the hour-hand is nearest.

18. And when the minute-hand is again at twelve, it is exactly the hour at which the hour-hand points.

19. Now, see whether you can tell what o'clock it is by the three clocks in the picture above.

ARTICULATION.

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bäre,	cäre,	chäir ;	däre,	färe,	fläre ;
gläre,	häre,	läir ;	märe,	päre,	räre ;
scäre,	snäre	späre ;	stäre,	täre,	wäre.

NOTE.—The *fifth* element, or sound, represented by *ä*, is its *first*, or *alphabetic* sound, modified or softened by *r*.

LESSON VII.

Mewed, made the cry of a cat.

Pleas' ant, agreeable.

Play' ful, full of play or fun.

Pret' ty (prit'ty), pleasing to the eye.

Pret' ty soon, in a short time.

A pron (á' pern), a cover for the front part of the dress.

Tow' el, a cloth used for wiping the hands and other things.

In stead', in place of.

Mis' chiev ous, doing injury.

MARY'S KITTEN.

I ONCE knew a little girl named Mary. She had a little kitten that had blue eyes, and was all white except the tip of its tail and one paw, which were black.

2. The kitten loved Mary very much. Every morning she would come to her door, and, when it was opened, she would run in and jump on her bed, and pur, and rub her face against Mary's cheek, as if to say, "Good-morning!"

3. She was a playful little kitten, too. When Mary was dressing, she would run after her, and play with her shoe-ties, so that sometimes Mary was not dressed when the breakfast-bell was rung.

4. One day, Mary went to see her aunt, and, on her return home, she could not find her kitten. She called all over the house, but the kitten did not come. "Oh, mother!" said she, "I fear my kitten is löst."

5. Her mother opened the cellar-door, and

called "Kitty, kitty!" In a moment, a little kitten came running up the stairs. As soon as Mary saw her, she began to cry, and said, "This is not my kitten: my kitten is all white, and this one is all black."

6. And, sure enough, the little mischievous creature had been among the coal, and was so full of the black coal-dust, that you would have thought she had never been white. Mary's mother laughed, as she said, "Kitty is something like my little girl. When she is cross, I say, 'That is not my little Mary, for my little girl is pleasant, and this little girl is cross.' Let Susan wash kitty, and perhaps she will be white again."

7. Susan brought a pail of water and some soap, and held the kitten fast in the pail while she rubbed her well. Kitty did not like it much, and tried to get away. She sneezed and mewed, as the water got into her mouth. But pretty soon she was all white again, and Susan rubbed her as dry as she could with a towel, and put her into Mary's apron.

8. Mary ran smiling into her mother's room. "Oh! here is my white kitten come back again," she said. And, sure enough, the kitten was as pretty as ever.

9. "Now the kitten is like my little Mary, when she is good," said her mother. "I then say, I am so glad to have my pleasant little girl back again, instead of the cross child who was here a short time ago."

ARTICULATION.

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åsk, båk, blåst; bråñch, bråss, cåsk;
 cåst, chånce, clåss; dånce, fåst, glånce;
 glåss, gråsp, gråss; låss, låst, måst;
 påss, ståff, tåsk; påth, våst, wåft.

NOTE.—The *sixth* element represented by *a* is a sound intermediate between *a*, as heard in *fat, hat*, and *a*, as in *arm, arch*.

LESSON VIII.

Rear, the back part.

Strive, to labor hard.

Arch, a part of a circle.

Grown, increased in size.

Bright, giving a great light.

Health, freedom from disease.

Farm' er, one who tills the soil.

Farm' - house, the house where the farmer lives.

Fount' ain, a small basin in which water springs up.

Bask' et, a light woven vessel in which things are carried.

Ex' er cise, motion of the body.

AMY LEE.

ON the next page is a picture of the farmhouse where Amy Lee lives with her aunt in summer.



2. When the weather is cold, she lives with her par'ents, in the city of New York ; but during the warm weather she is left with her aunt in the country.

3. You see the rear of this house. Vines have grown up and covered its sides ; and two large rose-bushes form an arch over the door.

4. Here is a fine flower-garden and some fruit trees. You see Amy standing by the fountain, watching some pretty little gold-fishes that are swimming in the clear, cold water.

5. She has just been picking some flowers for her aunt, and the exercise has given a glow of health to her cheeks.

6. The pure morning air, the bright sunshine, the songs of the birds, and the sweet scent of the fruit and the flowers, have made her heart glad.

7. She loves the little fishes, and she would like to hold them in her hands, and play with them ; but her aunt has told her that she must not, and she is a kind and good little girl, and does as she is bid.

8. Amy's aunt has no little boys nor girls of her own ; but she loves Amy very much, and takes great pains to teach her many useful things.

9. Her aunt tells her many fine stories, and gives her little books, and teaches her how to read them.

10. Amy sometimes asks very strange questions ; but her aunt is always kind, and explains to her what she wishes to know.

11. When poor people call at the door to beg for food, Amy's aunt allows her to take some bread and butter, or meat, to them, and sometimes she gives them some nice pie and cake, or fruit.

12. Here you see a poor woman, with a basket on her arm. She has a sick little boy at home, whom she loves very much, but she has nothing to give him to eat. Amy has just given her a loaf of bread, and she has some fine ripe grapes, in her little basket, to send to the poor sick boy. How happy she looks, and how thankful the poor woman is!



13. I hope that all the boys and girls, who read this story of Amy Lee, will always be kind to the poor; for if they would be happy themselves, they must strive to make others happy also.

ARTICULATION.

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bè,	hè,	mè;	wè,	yè,	ève;
èke,	brève,	cède;	glèbe,	hère,	mère;
scène,	schème,	shè;	thè,	thèse,	thème;
béam,	béard,	b èat;	déar,	fèar,	héar.

LESSON IX.

Queer'ly, oddly ; strangely.
Un'cle, the brother of one's
father or mother.

Shear'ing, cutting wool with
shears.

Coun'try, land outside a city.
Wag'on, a carriage on four
wheels.

Scis'sors, a small cutting
instrument of two blades.

NELLIE.

NOT far from Baltimore, lived a little girl, whose name was Nellie. She was a good little girl ; but she was so fond of fun, that she often forgot what was right, and made a great deal of trouble for herself and her mother.

2. One day, she carried the cat up stairs, and taking a pair of scissors, cut very many little bits of fur from pussy's back and sides. She did not hurt puss, for she was always gentle with her, but it made her look very queer.

3. Puss went down stairs, where Nellie's mother was at work, and sat down in the middle of the room. She then looked at Nellie's mother, as though she would say, "Just look and see what Nellie has been doing to me."

4. Nellie was once sent into the country to stay with her uncle John, during the summer. She was very fond of the country ; and she loved her uncle John, because he was always very kind to her.

5. Nellie's uncle had a great many sheep and little lambs. When the day came for shearing the sheep, Nellie was told she might go into the field where they were, but she must keep very quiet, and not drive them about.

6. But when Nellie got there, she forgot all that her uncle had said. She chased the sheep and lambs all over the field for a long time.

7. At last one large sheep seemed to think he could play at this game too. So he ran at Nellie, when she did not see him, and pushed her down the bank into the brook, where the men were washing some of the sheep.

8. This made the men all laugh very much, when they saw Nellie was not hurt. Nellie did not think this was funny, though she did not mind the wetting, as she was used to cold water.

9. As she rode home in the wagon, she told her uncle that she would try, another day, to do as she was told.

ARTICULATION.

ě or ê.

ěnd,	běnd,	blěnd ;	blěss,	gět,	hěld ;
hělp,	kěpt,	lěnd ;	mělt,	měnd,	něst ;
pěck,	pělt,	pěnt ;	pěst,	quěnch,	rěst ;
slěpt,	swěpt,	těnt ;	věst,	wěnt,	wěst.

LESSON X.

Fee'ble, weak.

Wick'ed, bad ; sinful.

Hatched, brought forth from the egg.

Nest'lings, very young birds.

Feath'ers, the covering of birds.

Decide', to make up one's mind

Sev'eral, more than two ; a few.

DON'T KILL THE BIRDS.

“**I**S it very cruel to shoot little birds ?” I sometimes hear boys ask their teacher or friends. I will tell you a story of some little birds, that you may decide for yourself.

2. The first warm day in spring, two little birds came flying from the South, where they had spent the winter, to the woods where they had lived the summer before. They found the same tree where their nest had been then, but the nest was spoilt, and they made a new one.

2. They were very busy at work for several days, until they had a beautiful little home. It was made of hay and hair, and lined with moss. Soon there were four little eggs in it,



and then one of the birds stayed at home to keep them warm, while the other flew off for food.

4. After a while, there were four little birds hatched from the eggs; but they were poor little feeble things, not strong enough to fly. They had no feathers to keep them warm. The mother-bird spread her wings over them, and scarcely ever left the nest, for fear her nestlings would die. Her mate brought food both for her and for the little ones.

5. One afternoon, the father-bird had been gone a long time, and the little birds began to be very hungry. They chirped and chirped for food, but no food came. "I will go and look for some worms for you," said their mother. And she flew away, calling, as she went, for her mate.

6. But the poor little bird would never come to her again, for he was dead. A wicked boy had shot him, just for fun. The mother-bird was flying home with a nice supper for her nestlings, when the same boy saw her. He took aim and fired, and she, too, fell to the ground.

7. The little birds in the nest called in vain

for their mother that night. The sun went down, but she did not come. They crowded close together, to keep themselves warm, but they grew colder and colder, and, before morning, these little birds were all dead, too.

8. Now, was it not cruel to shoot the two old birds, and leave the young ones to die in their nest? Do you not think it would be cruel and wicked to kill any of the little innocent birds that you see in the garden or fields?

ARTICULATION.

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ërr,	fërn,	gërm ;	hërr,	hërd,	nërrve ;
përrch,	sërrf,	sërrge ;	sërrve,	tërrm,	vërrse ;
bird,	chirp,	firm ;	fërrst,	girl,	gërrth ;
mërrth,	quërrk,	shërrk ;	shërrt,	skërrt,	whërrl ;
burn,	burst,	church ;	chërrn,	fërr,	fërrl ;
hërrt,	nërrse,	përr ;	përrse,	tërrn,	mërrrh.

NOTE.—The *third* element, or sound, represented by *e*, is *e* as heard in *end*, modified or softened by *r*. It is also represented by *i*, *u*, and *y*.

LESSON XI.

Storm, a strong wind with a fall of rain, snow, or hail.

Bird (bërd), any fowl or flying animal.

Joy'ous, cheerful.

Chill'ing, making cold.

Harm'less, not hurtful.

Cheer'less, sad ; gloomy.

War'ble, to sing like a bird.

Dis turb (tërb'), cause trouble.

DON'T KILL THE BIRDS.

DON'T kill the birds, the little birds,
That sing about your door,
Soon as the joyous spring has come,
And chilling storms are o'er.

2. The little birds, how sweet they sing !
Oh, let them joyous live,
And do not seek to take their life,
Which you can never give.
3. Don't kill the birds, the pretty birds,
That play among the trees ;
'T would make the *earth* a cheerless place
To see no more of these.
4. The little birds, how fond they play !
Do not disturb their sport ;
But let them warble forth their songs,
Till winter cuts them short.
5. Don't kill the birds, the happy birds,
That cheer the field and grove ;
Such harmless things to look upon,
They claim our warmest love.

ARTICULATION.

ī or i.

ice,	bind,	child;	dime,	five,	find;
fire,	grind,	hide;	hive,	kind,	kite;
life,	like,	mild;	prize,	rice,	ride;
sire,	spite,	time;	while,	white,	wise.

LESSON XII.

Cross, ill-natured.**Snapped**, bit at.**Cross'ing**, passing over.**Shad'ow**, a dark image.**Riv'er**, a large stream of water.**Float'ed**, carried on the surface of the water.**Growl'ing**, the noise made by an angry animal.**Greed'y**, hungry ; anxious to get every thing.**Appeared'**, seemed.**Supposed'**, fancied ; thought.**Forget'ting**, not remembering.

THE DOG AND HIS SHADOW.

A CROSS dog, having a large piece of meat, was carrying it home in his mouth. On his way, he had to pass over a river.

2. As he was crossing the stream he saw his own shadow in the water. He supposed it to be another dog with a piece of flesh in his mouth. Forgetting his own meat, he snapped



at his shadow, to seize the piece of meat that the shadow appeared to have in its mouth.

3. As he opened his mouth, his own meat fell out, and floated away on the water, and was lost, while he was growling at the shadow.

4. This cross and greedy dog thus lost his own meat, while he was trying to get what he supposed belonged to another.

5. When little boys and girls are tempted to try to get away things that belong to others, *I* hope they will remember this story of the dog and his shadow.

ARTICULATION.

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ĩnch,	ĩnk,	clĩng ;	fĩnge,	fĩnch,	gĩve ;
glĩmpse,	hĩnt,	kĩss ;	kĩng,	lĩft,	lĩve ;
mĩnt,	mĩst,	pĩnk ;	quĩck,	quĩll,	rĩng ;
rĩnse,	sĩlk,	sĩnk ;	wĩll,	wĩnd,	wĩng.

LESSON XIII.

Shrubs, low, dwarf trees.

Weeds, any useless plants.

Hatch (hăch), to bring forth young from eggs.

Crumbs (crŭmz), small pieces of bread or other food.

Spar rows (spăr'), small birds.

Chirp ing (chĕrp'ing), the noise of young birds.

Snow' bir. s, small birds appearing in time of snow.

Cli'mate, a part of the earth marked by particular kind of weather.

THE SNOW-BIRDS.

George. Oh, mother! the ground is all covered with snow!

Mother. Yes, my dear: it has snowed during the night, and covered the earth to the depth of several inches.

George. Oh, look at the pretty snow-birds! See how close they come to the door. But are they not very cold, mother, their feet are so red?

Mother. No, George. The little snow-birds are not afraid of the cold. They are all covered with soft and warm feathers.

George. But are not their feet cold? When my feet were once almost frozen, they were red, just like the snow-birds' feet.

Mother. Their feet are always red, in summer as well as in winter.

George. Where do the snow-birds go in the summer-time, mother? I never see them after the winter has gone.

Mother. They love the snow and the cold, and they go away off to the north in the summer-time, where they lay their eggs and hatch their young ones.

George. Then, if they love the cold so well,

why do they not stay there? It is always cold at the north, you have told me.

Mother. They come here for food. In our mild climate, very many plants grow, the seeds of which are good food for them.

George. But it snows here too, mother, and covers up all the ground.

Mother. But not often so deep as to cover up the tops of weeds and bushes in the woods and corners of the fields, from which they may still pick the seeds. See, there! Do you not see that little bird picking out the seeds from a stock which still lifts itself above the snow?

George. Oh, yes! Dear little bird! See! Now it has come up to the door, and is picking up the crumbs from the step.

Mother. After a deep snow, they always come about the houses, and barns, and haystacks, to pick up crumbs and seeds.

George. Where are they when it does not snow, or when all the snow is melted?

Mother. They are in the woods and the fields, seeking their food from weeds and shrubs.

George. They all turn to sparrows in the summer-time, do they not, mother?

Mother. No, dear. Did I not tell you that they all leave us, and go away to the north, where the climate is colder?

George. Oh, yes. But then I heard Mr. Murray say, that the little chirping sparrow, that live about the house in summer-time, are snow-birds, with new feathers on.

Mother. Other people besides Mr. Murray have thought so. But a sparrow is a sparrow, and a snow-bird, a snow-bird. But come, it is breakfast-time, and you must make yourself ready for school.

ARTICULATION.

ō or ò.

òld,	bòld,	bòlt;	bòne,	còld,	dòme;
fòld,	hòpe,	hòme;	jòke,	lòne,	mòpe;
mòre,	pòle,	pòst;	ròbe,	ròll,	ròpe;
fòrce,	gòld,	hòld;	ròve,	sòle,	tòne.

LESSON XIV.

Dropped (dròpt), let fall.

Treat'ed, used.

Par'cels, small bundles.

Con'duct, manners; behavior.

Win'dow, an opening to admit light and air.

Par ents (pår'ents), father and mother.

Cross'-bow, a bow placed across a stock, or handle.

A shamed', filled with shame.

Be haves(håvz'),acts; conducts.

GENTLE SUSY.

SITTING by my window one morning, I saw little Susy going down the street. She had been sent to the store, and was now on her way home with some parcels in her hands.

2. Thomas is a little boy, whose par'ents live across the street. He was standing outside of his father's gate whittling, trying to make a cross-bow. Susy, as she went past, looked at him, and smiled pleasantly.

3. Thomas did not return her smile. After he had looked at her a moment, he dropped his knife and stick, and, running up behind Susy, put both hands against her, and gave her as hard a push as he could.

4. Susy turned round, and Thomas ran back a few steps, laughing loudly. Then, as soon as she went forward, he would run up again, and give her another rude push.

5. This he did three or four times, when Susy turned back, still smiling, held out one of her hands toward him, and said: "Come, Thomas, go with me a little way, and I will tell you something."

6. The boy hung his head. I am sure he felt ashamed of his conduct, when he heard

Susy speak so mildly. He waited a minute. Then he walked gently up, and put his hand in Susy's, and she led him along, telling him a pretty story, I have no doubt.

7. Thomas must be a very bad boy if he ever behaves so unkindly again toward any one. But if Susy had become angry, and struck Thomas, or called him hard names, would he have been made better by it?

8. Children ought always to be gentle toward each other. I hope, if any of the boys or girls who read this lesson are treated as Susy was, they will do as she did.

ARTICULATION.

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bönd,	böx,	blöt;	blöck,	chöp,	clöt;
clöd,	clög,	clöck;	fönd,	flog,	flock;
lodge,	nöt,	plöt;	shöp,	spöt,	stöp;
solve,	tröt,	möss;	töst,	löst,	söft.

LESSON XV.

Wheth'er, if.

Don'key, an ass, or mule.

Stu'pid, slow to understand.

Bur den (bêr'dn), something heavy to be carried.

Jeal'ous, fearing that another is more loved than ourselves.

Caress', to treat with fondness.

At ten'tion, notice.

Con sid'er, to think.

THE DOG AND THE DONKEY.

A FABLE.

A MAN once had a beautiful little dog, of which he was very fond. He had also a donkey, that was very useful in drawing the cart, and carrying heavy burdens.

2. The donkey seeing his master caress and pet the little dog, was very jealous. He could see no reason why his master should ~~not pay~~ as much attention to him as he did to the dog.

3. Seeing that the dog always ran up to his master, as soon as he came home, and climbed up into his lap, the stupid donkey supposed that, if he should do the same thing, his master would be as fond of him as he was of the dog.

4. One day, as his master was sitting at the door of the house, the donkey ran up to him, and put both of his fore-feet in his master's lap, as he had seen the little dog do.

5. His great heavy feet and thick hoofs hurt his master very much, and he called aloud to the servants to beat the donkey away, and shut him up in the barn.

6. The story of the donkey and the dog

should teach us that it is not proper for us to do every thing that we see others do.

7. We must consider whether what we wish to do will injure others. It is not right for you to do what would hurt or injure others. If you do, you may be treated as harshly as the poor donkey was.

ARTICULATION.

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d ^ô ,	t ^ô ,	wh ^ô ;	l ^ô se,	pr ^ô ve,	t ^ô mb;
b ^ô on,	b ^ô ot,	m ^ô on;	s ^ô on,	sh ^ô ot,	pr ^ô of;
f ^ô ol,	l ^ô op,	l ^ô om;	n ^ô on,	sp ^ô on,	sp ^ô ol.

LESSON XVI.

Dam, the female parent or mother of a beast.

Mo'ment, a very short space of time.

Lift'ed, raised up.

Ten' der ly, with gentle care.

Be longed (bê lînged'), was the property of; owned by.

THE LAMB.

AS Clara Wood was on her way to school, one day, she found a little lamb lying in the soft, green grass. She looked all around, but its dam was not to be seen. She lifted it ten-

derly in her arms, and carried it back to her home.

2. As she walked along, the lamb laid its head against her bosom, and looked up in her face with its mild eyes. Already she loved it; and when she reached home, she said :

3. "Dear mother! Look here, I have the sweetest little lamb! It was all alone in the field, and I have brought it home. May it be mine, mother? I will give it some of my bread and milk, and oh! I will love it very much."

4. But Clara's mother said that the lamb, no doubt, belonged to farmer Wilkins, and that it would not be right for her to keep it.

5. Then Mrs. Wood, seeing how sad Clara looked, said: "It would be wrong, my love, for you to keep what belongs to farmer Wilkins. If you had a lamb, and it were lost, would you think it right for the person who found it to keep it as his own?"

6. Clara Wood, though a little girl, saw in a moment that she had no right to keep the lamb. She then said, with tears in her eyes: "Would I better carry it over to farmer Wilkins?"

7. "Yes, dear. It may be his; but, if not, he can tell you to whom it belongs."

8. Clara took the lamb in her arms again, and carried it over to farmer Wilkins.

ARTICULATION.

ū or ù.

blūe,	cūbe,	cūre;	dūe,	dūke,	dūpe;
flūte,	fūge,	fūme;	fūse,	glūe,	jūne;
lūre,	lūte,	mūle;	mūse,	mūte,	pūre;
slūe,	spūme,	sūit;	sūe,	tūbe,	tūne.

LESSON XVII.

Nursed, cared for tenderly.

Field, a piece of inclosed land.

Ground, the upper part of land.

Skip' ping, moving lightly
from place to place.

Stoop' ing, bending.

Gift' ed, furnished with.

Fol' low ing, going after.

An' i mal, any thing that lives
and breathes.

THE LAMB — Concluded.

“**I** FOUND this dear little lamb all alone in the fields, as I went to school,” said Clara, when she saw the farmer. “Mother said it must be yours; and I have brought it over to you.”

2. “Yes, it is my lamb,” said farmer Wilkins, as he took the little animal from her arms; “and you are a good girl for bringing it home

to me. If the dogs had found it, they would have torn it all to pieces."

3. As the farmer said this, he put the lamb upon the ground, but, as Clara thought, not very gently. Stooping down, she put her arms around its neck and kissed it. Then looking into the farmer's face, she said: "*You* will not hurt the poor lamb, sir, will *you*?"

4. "Oh, no, child! I will not hurt it." As the farmer said this, he saw that there were tears in the eyes of the little girl, and knowing that she loved the lamb, and would like to keep it, he said: "If that lamb were *yours*, what would *you* do with it?"

5. "Oh!" replied she, "I would feed it with *new* milk from our cow every day; and I would make it a nice soft bed to sleep on, where no cold nor rain can touch it. And I would love it so much!"

6. "Take it, then, my good little girl," said the farmer. "I have a great many lambs in my flocks, and shall not miss this one. Take it; it is *yours*."

7. "Oh, I am so glad!" said the now happy child. Then lifting the lamb once more into her arms, she ran home with it, as fast as she could. She nursed the lamb with so much

care, that it scarcely missed the mother from which it had been taken. It soon learned Clara's voice, and would follow her about, and sport with her as playfully as a kitten.

8. Every day, when she went to school, her mother had to shut the lamb up in the house to keep it from following her; but when she came home, it would see her a good way off, and run, skipping along, to meet her.

9. Though the lamb could not tell, in words, how much it loved its dear young friend, yet Clara could read love in its eyes; and she *knew* all it would have said, if it had been gifted with speech.

ARTICULATION

ü or ũ.

büd,	bümp,	büñch ;	blüş,	brüş,	clüb ;
clümp,	clütch,	crüst ;	düçk,	düst,	fünd ;
flüş,	hünt,	hüş ;	jüdge,	jümp,	jüst ;
lümp,	müch,	müll ;	pümp,	rüş,	rüst.

LESSON XVIII.

Clus'ters, bunches.

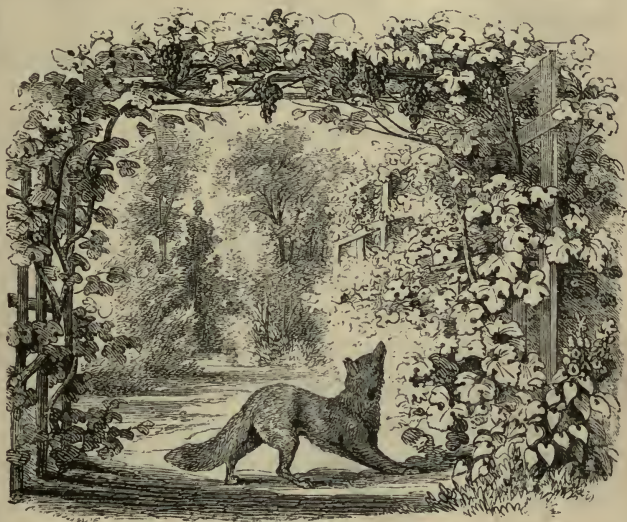
Trained (träñd), made to go in a certain way.

Trel'lis, a frame on which plants grow.

Luck'y, fortunate.

En'vi ous, feeling pain at another's success.

Disappoint'ed, hindered from getting what was expected.



SOUR GRAPES

A FABLE.

A FOX passing by a garden, one day, saw some very sweet and ripe grapes, hanging in clusters from the vines. But the vines had been trained, as vines should be, on a high wall or on a high trellis, and he could not reach them.

2. He jumped up, and ran round the vines, and tried every way in his power to get at the

grapes. But all was in vain. He could not reach one of them.

3. At last, tired in the vain attempt to reach them, he went off, saying to himself, "They are nothing but sour grapes after all. I would not pick them up, if they were lying at my feet."

4. Sometimes, little boys and girls act just as the fox did. If they want something which they have tried to get, and find that some one else has been so lucky as to obtain it, they say it is good for nothing, and they would not take it, if they could get it.

5. John Carney was an envious boy. He had been trying very hard to secure a prize which his teacher had offered to the scholar that should be at the head of his class on a certain day.

6. It so happened that James Read obtained the prize, and John Carney, who wanted it very much, being disappointed, said to James, "You feel very proud because you have the prize. I would not take it, if the master would give it to me."

7. In saying and doing so, John acted just as the fox did, when he could not reach the grapes.

8. Now, if you hear any one say, "*Sour grapes*," I hope you will understand what it means.

ARTICULATION.

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büll,	büşh,	füll;	püll,	püşh,	püss;
püt,	wolf,	book;	hook,	look,	took.

LESSON XIX.

Prize, to esteem.

Leaves (lêvz), parts of a book containing two pages each.

Leath' er, the skin of an animal tanned or dressed for use.

Sto' ry, a tale; something told.

Enough (e nûf'), plenty.

A right', in a proper way.

Afford', to produce; to give.

Prop' er ly, rightly.

Enjoy' ment, pleasure.

A mus' ing, funny; pleasing.

THE PICTURE-BOOK.

"**A**LFRED, my son," said Mr. Taylor to a bright little boy seven years of age, "here is a beautiful picture-book I have bought for you."

2. "Thank you, father," said Alfred. "It is a beautiful book indeed, and full of pictures. I shall prize this book very much, because it was given me by my dear father, and is so pretty."

3. "Now," said Mr. Taylor, "you are old enough to begin to think, and I wish you to learn to think aright."



4. "The older you grow, the more you will learn to think, and to think properly. You can now judge only how the *book* appears to the eye. But it contains something more than the pictures. Can you tell me what that is?"

5. "Oh, yes, father. It has an inside and an outside, and many leaves, and two pages on each leaf. And then there is the thick cover of the *book*, which is made of soft leather."

6. "And now, my son, if you *should* shut your eyes and keep them shut, while I read to you one of the amusing stories of which this

book is so full, would you not perceive that there is something in the book, which needs not to be seen, in order to be enjoyed?"

7. "Yes, father, I know the book is full of stories; and there are many pictures, too, which show what the stories are about."

8. "But, if the pictures were not there, *could* you understand the stories in the book?"

9. "No, sir, unless some one *should* read them to me."

10. "Now, which *would* you prefer," said his father, "a book full of stories, without pictures, or a book full of pictures without stories?"

11. "I *would* much rather have a book full of stories without pictures, than a picture-book without stories," said Alfred.

12. "But you can *see* the pictures. Can you see the stories, my son?"

13. "No, sir; but you, or dear mother, *could* read the stories; or, I might read them myself."

14. "Now, my son," said Mr. Taylor, "this book will teach you a useful lesson. While it is full of pictures and pleases your eye, at the same time the stories in it, though you may only hear them, will afford you still greater pleasure.

15. "The ear, then, may afford you as much enjoyment as the eye. With the eye, you may see the sun, the moon, the stars, and all the beautiful things around you. With the ear, you may hear pleasant sounds, sweet music, and the glad voices of your friends."

ARTICULATION.

ou.

our, *out,* bounce; bound, couch, cloud;
doubt, found, fount; hound, house, jounce;
loud, lounge, mount; mouth, pounce, pound;
round, rouse, sound; south, shout, wound.

LESSON XX.

Quar' rel, to dispute angrily.
Dis please', to make angry.
Gen' er ous, giving freely.

Sat' is fied, having enough.
Dis o bey', to refuse to do
what is ordered.

THE GENEROUS CHILDREN.

"**L**UCY, did you give your little brother the peach, which I gave you for him?" said a father, to his little daughter. "No, father, I did not," said Lucy.

2. "And why did you not, my child?" said her father. "I gave you two peaches, a large

one and a small one. The large one was for yourself, and the small one for your brother. Were you not satisfied? Yours was much larger than the one I told you to give to him. I hope you have not eaten them both."

3. "Oh no, dear father," said Lucy. "I ate only the smaller one, and gave to dear little brother the larger one."

4. "But why did you not give him the smaller one, as I told you to do?" said her father.

5. "Because, I thought he would like the larger one better," said Lucy. "I love my dear little brother, and I am pleased when I see him happy. I did not intend to disobey you, dear father, and I hope you will not be displeased with me for what I have done."

6. Her father looked at his little daughter with a smile on his face, while a tear started in his eye, as Lucy continued.

7. "But little brother almost quarreled with me about it, dear father. He said that he would have the little peach, and that I should eat the big one."

8. "He was a generous little fellow," said her father, "and you too are a generous little

girl; and, so far from being displeased with you, I am pleased with you bōth. I gave the larger peach to you, because you are older and larger than he is."

9. "And I," said Lucy, "want to give the best things to my dear little brother."

10. "Lucy," said her father, "tell me truly, when you had eaten the smaller peach, and saw your little brother eating the larger one, did you not wish you had kept the larger one yourself?"

11. "Oh no, dear father, it gave me more pleasure to see my dear little brother enjoying his peach, than to have eaten it myself?"

12. "That is true generosity," said her father. "We are not generous, when we give to others, what we do not want *ourselves*. To be generous is to give to others what we do want *ourselves*, and can *ourselves* enjoy.

13. "And *now*, my dear," said her father, as he kissed her, "I wish you to remember *how* happy you feel, after you have done a generous act. If you had eaten the larger peach yourself, it might have pleased you for the time, but the pleasure would soon have been forgotten. But *now* your generous action not only gives pleasure to you, but it will make me and your dear mother and all your friends happy."

TABLE OF THE VOWEL ELEMENTS, OR TONICS.¹

ā or ȁ	as in	ȁge,	ȁte,	bȁne,	dȁme,	tȁme.
ǣ or ȡ	“	ȡt,	ȡsh,	dȡmp,	lȡnd,	lȡmp.
ȣ	“	ȣrt,	ȣrm,	mȣrch,	cȣrd,	hȣrd.
Ȥ	“	Ȥll,	bȤll,	pȤuse,	wȤnt,	wȤlk.
ȥ	“	bȥre,	cȥre,	flȥre,	rȥre,	wȥre.
Ȧ	“	Ȧsk,	Ȧsp,	glȦss,	dȦnce,	pȦnt.
ē or ĕ	“	hē,	wē,	thēse,	cēde,	glēbe.
ě or ě	“	ělk,	ěnd,	blěss,	blěnd,	wěst.
ĕ	“	ěrr,	hěr,	něrve,	sěrve,	věrse.
ī or ĭ	“	īce,	īre,	child,	mild,	wise.
ĩ or ĩ	“	ĩnk,	ĩnch,	gĩve,	sĩlk,	wĩng.
ō or ȫ	“	ȫld,	ȫde,	bȫld,	cȫld,	hȫme.
ȫ or Ȭ	“	Ȭn,	bȬnd,	blȬck,	flȬck,	fȬnd.
Ȯ	“	dȮ,	tȮ,	whȮ,	prȮve,	tȮmb.
ū or ȩ	“	cȩbe,	cȩre,	dȩke,	dȩpe,	fȩse.
ũ or ȩ	“	bȩd,	bȩlb,	hȩsh,	lȩll,	hȩnt.
ȩ	“	fȩll,	pȩll,	pȩt,	pȩss,	pȩsh.
ou	“	our,	out,	found,	house,	loud.

¹ First require the pupils to utter an element by itself, then to pronounce distinctly the words that follow, uttering the element after each word—thus: ȁge, ȁ; ȁte, ȁ; bȁne, ȁ, &c. Exercise the class upon the above table, till each pupil can utter *consecutively* all the vowel sounds. The attention of the class should be called to the fact that the first element, or sound, represented by each of the vowels, is usually indicated by a horizontal line placed over the letter, and the second sound by a curved line.

LESSON XXI.

Moss (mɔss), very little, small-leaved plants.

Fa'ble, a story not true, but teaching a useful lesson.

Woven (wɔ'vn), threads passed over and under each other.

Of'fered, proposed.

Pigeon (plj' un), a dove.

Thought'less, careless.

Boast'er, one who speaks his own praises.

De ceive', to cheat.

BOASTING.

A NNA STRÖNG was a sad little boaster. Though she meant to speak the truth, she was so vain and thoughtless, that no one could believe her.

2. She always wanted a löng lesson. She would say, "I can learn it all; it is not too hard for me;" though, when her class was called out to recite, she was very öften sent back to her seat to study.

3. If any thing was to be done, at home or at school, Anna would always say, "*I* know how; please to let *me* do it;" even if it was a thing she could not do at all.

4. Miss Eaton was Anna's teacher. One day, she wished some one to point to the names of the cities on a large map, so that all the girls in the class might know where to find them.

5. "Oh, let me do it," said Anna; "*I* know how as well as can be."

6. "Yes, you may do it," said Miss Eaton; but Anna could not point to a single name that her teacher called.

7. "You are like a silly little pigeon, I used to hear about, when I was a little girl," said her teacher.

8. A bright-eyed little girl, raising her right hand, said: "Oh, please tell us about the pigeon."

9. "The story," replied Miss Eaton, "is, that when the pigeon first came into the world, all the other birds came and offered to teach her how to build a nest.

10. "The cat-bird showed her its nest, all made of sticks and bark; and the sparrows showed theirs, which were woven with moss and hair. But the pigeon, walking about in a very vain way, and turning her head from side to side, said: '*I* know how! *I* know how to build my nest as well as the best of you!'

11. "Then the blackbird showed her nest, which was fastened to some reeds, and swung over the water; and the turtle-dove said hers was easier to build than all, for it was quite flat, and made only of sticks laid together. But the

pigeon turned her pretty head as before, and said, 'I know how !'

12. "At last, the birds all left her. Then the pigeon found that she did not know how at all ; and she went without a nest, until man took pity on her, and built a pigeon-house, and put some hay into it.

13. "Now, children, though the story of the pigeon is only a fable, and not true, yet you may learn from it a very useful lesson.

14. "Little boys and girls, who are vain boasters, are laughed at by others, and only deceive themselves. Like the silly pigeon, they say, 'I know how !' but they often find, to their sorrow, when it is too late, that they do not.

15. "Remember, my dear children, that when you once learn to do any thing well, you will not need to boast of it."

LESSON XXII.

Suf'fered, felt pain.

Buried (bēr' rid), put into a grave.

Hard' ships, sufferings from want or fatigue.

Wan dered (wōn' derd), went from place to place.

O bliged (o bligd'), forced.

In firm', not firm or sound ; weak ; feeble.

Fall en (fāl' ln) sunk into a lower or worse condition.

Com' fort a ble, having ease, or enjoyment.



LITTLE NELL.

LITTLE Nell was a pretty and a very lovely little child. She had lost her father, her mother, and her grandmother. She lived with her grandfather, who had been rich, but was now very poor.

2. Her grandfather was old, and had become very childish; but he loved little Nell dearly. She was a good little girl, and loved her grandfather very much, and took great care of him.

3. Her grandfather had fallen into bad company, who cheated him, and took away every thing that he had. He was obliged to sell his house, and when he left it, he took little Nell with him.

4. Little Nell was very unhappy, when she learned that she had to give up her comfortable home. Her grandfather now had no house to live in, and he did not know where to go.

5. But both were obliged to leave the house, as I have said. They wandered about, not knowing any day where they should lie down to sleep, or spend the night.

6. Little Nell never left her grandfather. She took hold of his hand and led him, and wherever he wished to go, she went with him. She never would eat or drink, until she saw that her dear old grandfather had something first; nor would she lie down to sleep at night, until he had lain down, and was sound asleep.

7. Little Nell and her grandfather wandered about many days and nights, and met a great many hardships. Often they went whole days without food. When they could not find good, kind people to take them into their houses, they would sleep in barns or sheds, and sometimes in the open air.

8. Often they met with wicked people, who made sport with her poor old grandfather. This made little Nell very unhappy. She did not care for herself. All that she wanted was to see her dear grandfather happy.

9. He, too, did not care about himself. He wanted his dear little Nell to be happy. But he was so old and infirm, that he did not know how much poor little Nell suffered for his sake.

10. After wandering about for a löng time, they found a poor schoolmaster, who took pity on them. He found a home for them near a country church, where little Nell made herself useful for a short time.

11. But her löng sufferings and hardships had worn out this dear little girl. She became very ill. Her dear grandfather sät by her bedside, holding her hand, and looking at her from morning to night, but he was too old to understand how ill she was.

12. Little Nell did not live löng. She died, and was buried in the church-yard. Her grandfather used to go out to the church-yard every day, and sit by her grave. At last, he died too, and was buried by her side.

ARTICULATION.

b.

babe,	bale,	bane ;	bad,	back,	band ;
bard,	barge,	bark ;	ball,	bald,	talk ;
beam,	beard,	beat ;	bet,	bend,	bent.

LESSON XXIII.

Trudged (trûgd), traveled on foot.	Ren'der, to give back.
Bruised (brôzd), mangled or crushed by a blow.	Object', to oppose.
Clum'sy, awkward ; ill-made.	Per ceived', understood.
Crys'tal, the glass of a watch.	In dulse', yield to one's wishes.
Cost'ly, of great price.	Ac' ci dent, what happens by chance.
	Tempt' ed, enticed to evil.

THE BROKEN WATCH.

"FATHER," said Henry, one day, to Mr. Barnes, as they were coming from the farm-yard, "is it time to go to school yet?"

2. Mr. Barnes, looking at his watch, replied, "Yes, my son. You have a mile and a half to walk, and it is now a quarter past eight o'clock. Your school begins at nine, and I would, on no account, have you late at school."

3. "I never should be late, father, if I had a watch, to see what time it is. Why will you not let me have yours to carry, so that I may always know the time?"

4. "I should not object to your having my watch, Henry," said his father, "did I not know that you could not take proper care of it. A watch must be handled very carefully. Running and jumping and many games in which boys indulge, would stop the watch, and render it of no use to you. When you are older, I shall be happy to buy a watch for you."

5. "O father, if you will only let me wear it to-day, I will be very careful with it, and will not run nor jump, nor do any thing that would hurt it."

6. Mr. Barnes was a rich man, and though the watch was a very costly one, he thought that a good lesson would be of more value to his son, than the price of the watch.

7. He therefore said, "Well, Henry, you shall have my watch for a week, and I will see how true you are to your word." He then handed the watch to his son, who put it carefully into his vest-pocket, and trudged off to school.

8. On his way, he was met by a school-mate whose name was Charles Brown. Charles, seeing the chain of the watch hanging from Henry's pocket, said to him, "How proud you seem to be with your watch, Henry Barnes. I do

not believe you have any. You only let that chain hang out of your pocket to make people think you have a watch."

9. Henry at once pulled the watch from his pocket, to show Charles that it was a real watch, and that it kept time. Charles asked Henry to show him the inside of the watch, and Henry, unwilling to deny what he thought so small a favor, very kindly handed it to him.

10. Charles was a clumsy boy. In trying to open the watch, it slipped from his hands, and fell with its face downwards on a large rock, on which the boys were standing.

11. When Henry took it up, the crystal, or glass, was broken, the face was much bruised, and the hands had both fallen off, and could not be found. The two boys searched all around the rock, and on the ground, to find the two hands, and at last Henry Barnes was obliged to go to school without them.

12. The fall of the watch had stopped it, though Henry did not perceive that it did not go, until he arrived at the school-house and found that school had begun half an hour before.

13. When Henry returned home that day, he was ashamed to see his father's face; but his father, who had expected some such acci-

dent, asked him how he was pleased with the watch. Henry then told him the whole truth.

14. "Now," said his father, "I hope you will believe me when I tell you, that you ought not to have any thing which is denied to you. Try always, my son, when you are tempted to ask for such things, to remember the story of the broken watch."

ARTICULATION.

d.

<i>dale,</i>	<i>dame,</i>	<i>date;</i>	<i>dark,</i>	<i>darn,</i>	<i>dart;</i>
<i>did,</i>	<i>dim,</i>	<i>dish;</i>	<i>dole,</i>	<i>dome,</i>	<i>doze;</i>
<i>due,</i>	<i>duke,</i>	<i>dupe;</i>	<i>duck,</i>	<i>dull,</i>	<i>dust.</i>

LESSON XXIV.

Beak (bèk), the bill of a bird.

Prey (prà), what is caught by wild animals for food.

Ges'tures, motions.

Pu'pil (of the eye), center of the eye.

Ru ins (rò'inz), buildings that have fallen to pieces.

Daz'zled, overcome by light.

Plu'mage, feathers of a bird.

De press', let fall.

In' stan ces, examples.

In hab'it, to dwell in.

Prej' u dice, an opinion formed without just cause.

Dis tin' guish, to perceive.

OWLS.

OWLS inhabit most parts of the world. They make their nests in ruins, high towers, and

old trunks of trees. One kind of owl often lays its eggs in the nests of other birds.

2. The pupils of their eyes are very large, and admit so much light, that they are dazzled by day, and are better able to distinguish objects at night. Their eyes look forward and are surrounded by circles of feathers.



3. Their beak is curved, and the openings of their ears have a piece of skin half round them, like what is called the flap or conch of a man's ear. The head is large, the skull thick, and hollow places in it increase their power of hearing, which is so great that they can detect the slightest sounds.

4. The color of owls varies from white to a very dark brown, gray, and buff, and most of them are marked with beautiful spots. The legs of the greater number are feathered to the toes; and they can bring their outer toe backward and forward as they please. Several kinds of owls have tufts of feathers, called egrettes, just over their ears on the top of

their head, which they can raise or depress at pleasure.

5. The plumage of these birds is loose, soft, and fine, so that they make little or no noise in flying. They seldom feed on dead things. They eat small birds, though they much prefer mice, of which they devour immense numbers.

6. When they have young, they will bring a mouse to the nest every few minutes. They do not stop to pluck off hair or feathers from their prey, and, with the bones, these form lumps in the stomach, which they throw up by the mouth when they please.

7. The odd gestures of an owl are most laughable, when attacked by day, or when it tries to see any thing in a full light. Nothing can be more sad than its cry in the silence of the night. The sound heard so often near its nest, which has been taken for snoring, is only the cry of the young for food.

8. There is a prejudice against owls, from the story, that they get into pigeon-houses and destroy young birds. But some have thought that, in most instances, rats and mice are the murderers, and not the innocent owl; and this is probably true.

9. Certain it is, that all little birds have a great enmity toward owls. They will assemble in great numbers, and, fiercely attacking them, drive them away; for no creatures fight more fiercely than many small birds.

ARTICULATION.

g.

<i>gale,</i>	<i>gage,</i>	<i>gate;</i>	<i>gave,</i>	<i>gag,</i>	<i>gad;</i>
<i>gird,</i>	<i>girl,</i>	<i>girth;</i>	<i>go,</i>	<i>gold,</i>	<i>gore;</i>
<i>bag,</i>	<i>keg,</i>	<i>beg;</i>	<i>peg,</i>	<i>big,</i>	<i>wig.</i>

LESSON XXV.

Par' lors, sitting-rooms.

Cham' bers, upper rooms.

Mir' rors, looking-glasses.

Sta' ble, a shed for beasts.

Coars' est, meanest; cheapest.

Kitch' en, a room for cooking.

Cur tain (*kêr' tin*), a hanging cloth before a window.

Cel' lar, a room under a house.

Roast' ed, cooked before a fire.

Re spect' ed, honored.

Li' bra ry, a room for books.

Veg' e ta bles, plants raised for food.

Draw' ing-rooms, rooms used for company.

RICH AND POOR CHILDREN.

LITTLE boys and girls, who have kind parents and pleasant homes, do not think how other little boys and girls live.

2. Some of my little readers, perhaps, live in large houses, with many rooms in them. They have large kitchens, where the cooking is done. There bread is made, and puddings and pies, and cake also, and nice meat is roasted.

3. They also have rooms in the house where the clothes are washed, and bathing-rooms, with hot and cold water, where all the family may wash and bathe themselves.

4. Then there are fine large cellars, where apples and potatoes, and other vegetables, may be kept. They have barns and stables, and wood-houses and coal-bins.

5. Then they have large chambers to sleep in, and parlors, and drawing-rooms, and dining-rooms, and a library, where the books and newspapers are kept.

6. In their houses, there are beds, bedsteads, chairs, tables of all kinds, mirrors, curtains to the windows, and blinds or shutters to keep out the sun by day, and the cold by night.

7. While the children of the rich see all these things and enjoy them, they must remember that there are very many children, full as good as themselves, who live in small, low, and dark dwellings. They eat the coarsest food, and can scarcely obtain enough of that. They have

no shoes nor stockings, nor warm caps in winter, nor cool hats in summer, to protect them from the cold and the heat.

8. When you see other children thus deprived of so many comforts, you should pity them, and speak kindly to them, and do all the good to them that you can.

9. Many of these poor children, who have so few comforts when they are young, become wise and learned and great men. Everybody looks up to them. Kings and queens and princes are glad to know them, and they are respected by every one.

10. In the next lesson, you will read about such a poor boy.

ARTICULATION.

j.

<i>jade,</i>	<i>jane,</i>	<i>jack ;</i>	<i>jam,</i>	<i>jet,</i>	<i>jest ;</i>
<i>jib,</i>	<i>jig,</i>	<i>jilt ;</i>	<i>join,</i>	<i>joint,</i>	<i>joist ;</i>
<i>joke,</i>	<i>jole,</i>	<i>jolt ;</i>	<i>judge,</i>	<i>jump,</i>	<i>junk.</i>

LESSON XXVI.

Tent, canvas stretched on poles.

Fence, a wall, hedge, or something made of wood or iron, to guard land from animals.

Oat'-meal, ground oats.

Stud'ied, learned with care.

Sup port', to hold up.

Com'fort a ble, enjoying ease.

HUGH MILLER.

THERE was a poor little boy in Scotland, not many years ago, who had very little to eat or drink, and scarcely any comfortable clōthing.

2. His par'ents were very poor. He had to stay away from school, most of the time, to work hard to support himself and his father's family.

3. When old enough to work all day, he had to make fences and walls of great heavy stones. Sometimes he had to sleep out, where the rain fell upon him during the night. He had nothing to eat but a little oatmeal, which he was obliged himself to cook, when he wanted his brëakfast, his dinner, or his supper.

4. When he had done a hard day's work, instead of playing with other boys and men with whom he worked, he used to take such books as he could find, and go into his tent by himself to read them.

5. He found it not easy to procure books ; but, when he could gët one, he would read it through, and study it well, until he knew all that was in it.

6. In this way, he worked and studied for a

number of years, until he became quite a wise man. He was a mere stone-mason, but he became so good a scholar, that many great men said they wished they could talk and write as well as he did.

7. Now, this man, who was the poor boy you have just read about, is one of the most learned men in the world. Every one who knows him, looks up to him with respect. Wherever he goes, he is treated with great kindness and attention. Every one who goes where he is, is happy to see and know him. His name is Hugh Miller, and he still lives in Scotland.

ARTICULATION.

l.

lake,	lame,	late ;	lamp,	land,	lash ;
lard,	large,	lark ;	let,	less,	lend ;
life,	light,	like ;	lift,	lip,	live.

LESSON XXVII.

Knowl' edge, learning.

Bri' ers, prickly shrubs.

Choic' est, most precious.

Health' y, free from sickness.

Tend' ed, watched ; waited on.

Re sem' ble, to be like.

Mis for' tune, ill-luck ; evil.

A bund' ant, plentiful.

Cul' ti va ted, carefully tilled

Priv' i lege, special advantage.

A GARDEN OVERRUN WITH WEEDS.

Harry. Father, I don't like to go to school. I wish you would let me stay at home this morning. Charles French's father does not oblige him to go to school.

Father. Give me your hand, Harry. Come with me. I wish to show you something in the garden. See how finely these peas are growing! How clean and healthy the vines look! Do you think we shall have an abundant crop?

Harry. Oh yes, father! There is not a weed about their roots; and those little poles, or bushes, stuck in the ground, hold them up, so that they have a fine chance to grow.

Father. Now, go with me across the road, to look at Mr. French's pea-vines, through a large opening in his garden-fence. Well, my son, what do you think now of Mr. French's pea-vines?

Harry. O father! I never saw such poor-looking peas in my life! There are no sticks for them to run upon, and the weeds are nearly as high as the peas themselves. There will not be half a crop on them.

Father. Why are they so much worse than ours, Harry?

Harry. Because they have been left to grow as they please. I suppose Mr. French just planted them, and never took any care of them afterward. He has neither taken out the weeds nor trained them to grow right.

Father. Yes, that is the truth, my son. A garden will soon be overrun with weeds and briars, if it is not tilled with the greatest care. Children's minds are like garden-beds, and they must be more carefully tended than the choicest plants.

If you, my son, were never to go to school, nor to have good seeds of knowledge planted in your mind, when you become a man, it would resemble this weedy bed in Mr. French's land, rather than the beautiful one in my garden. Would you think me right to neglect my garden as Mr. French has neglected his?

Harry. Oh no, father! Your garden is a fine garden; but Mr. French's is all overrun with weeds and briars. It will not yield half as much as yours.

Father. Do you think, my son, it would be right for me to neglect my child as Mr. French neglects his, and allow him to run

wild, and his mind to become overgrown with weeds?

I send you to school, in order that the garden of your mind may have good seed sown in it, and that these seeds may spring up and grow, and yield a good crop. Now, which would you prefer, to stay at home from school, and let the garden of your mind be overrun with weeds, or to go to school, and have this garden cultivated?

Harry. I would rather go to school. I will never again ask to stay at home from school. But, father, is Charles French's mind overrun with weeds?

Father. I am afraid that it is. If not, it surely will be, if his father does not send him to school. For a little boy not to be sent to school, is a great misfortune, and I hope you will think the privilege of going to school a very great one indeed.

ARTICULATION.

m.

make,	mane,	mate;	march,	mark,	marl;
mask,	mass,	mast;	met,	melt,	mend;
mile,	mild,	mind;	mode,	mope,	more.

LESSON XXVIII.

O' val, the shape of an egg.
 Clos' et, a small private room.
 Rai sins (râ' znz), dried grapes.
 Wom an (wôm' an), the female
 of the human race.
 Refresh' ing, reviving; giv-
 ing new strength.

Coun' tries, parts of the earth.
 Fruit er er (frôt'er er), one who
 sells fruit.
 Green' -house, a place where
 tender plants are protected.
 Season (sê' zn), a part of the
 year; a portion of time.

GRAPES.

"MOTHER," said little Ann Dorman, one morning, "*may* I have some of the grapes in the fruit-dish, in the closet?"

2. "No, *my* dear," said Mrs. Dorman; "I wish to send *them* to the poor woman down in the lane. She is very ill, and it is not likely that she will live lǒng. She is so ill that the doctor does not allow her to eat *much*."

3. "A few grapes will be very refreshing to her, and you can eat cake, or nuts, or apples, which she can not eat. Grapes are very dear at this season of the year, and the poor woman can not afford to buy *them*."

4. "Why are grapes dear at this season of the year?" said Ann to her *mother*. "Because, *my* dear," said Mrs. Dorman, "it is difficult to keep *them* so lǒng. They will rot and spoil, unless they are kept with great care."

5. "But, *mother*, I have seen *them* at the

windows, in the grocers' shops, all the year round." "Yes, *my child*, and when they are scarce they are very dear. The grocer and the fruiterer take great pains to keep them, because they know they will be wanted for the sick; and, in very cold weather, they are paid a high price for them."

6. "But why, *mother*, did not the poor woman have them in her garden, and keep them, until cold weather? Father took a great deal of pains to make his grapes grow, and now we have some still."

7. "The poor woman has not a garden fit to raise grapes in, *my dear*. Your father trains his vines, with great care, in a green-house, and it costs a great deal of time and money to keep a green-house.

8. "The grapes which you see in the shops, are seldom the same as those which you see in our green-houses. Our grapes are round. Most of the grapes which you see in the shops are oval, or shaped very much like an egg."

9. "Mother, where do the oval grapes grow, if not in a green-house?" "Many grapes, *my child*, are brought in ships from a great distance. They are packed in saw-dust very carefully, in long jars, to prevent their being bruised.

10. "Many fruits, such as lemons, oranges, grapes, figs, currants, and raisins, are brought in ships over the water from distant countries. They all have a certain season in which they are ripe, and when the season is past they become scarce and are dear.

11. "When you study Geography, you will learn what countries all these fruits come from, and where these countries are, and all about the people who live in them." "O mother," said Ann, "I long to study Geography, that I may know all about these things."

12. Ann did not forget what she had thus learnt about grapes. When her teacher gave her a lesson in Geography, she studied it very carefully; and when she was twelve years old she could tell where all kinds of fruit came from, and could find the places where they grew, on the map, and tell all about the people who live in those countries.

ARTICULATION.

n.

name,	nail,	nave;	nag,	nap,	neat;
neck,	nest,	net;	next,	nerve,	nurse;
nice,	night,	nine;	no,	node,	nose;
north,	niche,	noise;	notch,	noose,	nymph.

LESSON XXIX.

Courts, places where judges sit.

Hunt'ing, chasing of game.

King' dôm, a country ruled by a king.

For est (fôr' est), a large tract of land covered with trees.

Lan' guage (lång' gwaj), human speech.

Eng land (Ing' gland), a country west of Europe.

Sub' jects, those who are under the rule of a king or ruler.

Ty' rant, a cruel master.

Vil' lage, a small number of houses.

Con quer or (kông' ker or), one who gains a victory.

Dif' fer ent, distinct ; unlike.

Cur few-bell (kêr' fû), the evening bell, in England.

E ven ing (e'vn ing), latter part of the day.

Com pan' ions, those who are much together.

WILLIAM THE CONQUEROR.

A GREAT many years ago, there was a king in England whose name was William. They called him William the Conqueror, but he ought also to be called a tyrant.

2. He made a law, that all of his subjects should put out their fire and lights, at eight o'clock in the evening, and go to bed. He ordered a large bell to be rung at that hour, to let the people know when it was eight o'clock.

3. The bell was called the curfew-bell, because the word curfew means to cover up the fire, and the fire was to be covered up, or put out, as soon as this bell was rung.

4. This king also made his subjects speak

a different language from their own, in the church, in the courts, and in schools.

5. But the worst thing that he did was to make what was called the New Forest. He and his companions were very fond of hunting wild beasts, and he wanted a place where he might enjoy himself with his companions in hunting.

6. To make his new forest, he pulled down all the houses and churches, and drove out all the people who lived in a large part of the kingdom. He then had trees set out, and wild beasts put into the forest, that he might hunt them.

7. Many people were thus driven away from their happy homes. More than thirty-six churches were pulled down, and whole towns and villages were laid waste to make a place for wild beasts to live in, that he might pursue them and kill them there.

8. But this wicked king did not go unpunished. Two of his sons and one of his grandsons were killed in the new forest. The name of his first son, that was killed in the forest, was Richard, and the name of his grandson, who was killed there, was also Richard.

9. His other son, who was killed in the new

forest, was called William Rufus, because he had red hair. The word Rufus means red, and William Rufus means William the Red.

10. This wicked king, who made the new forest, was killed by a fall from his horse, while he was looking at the burning of a city, which he had ordered to be set on fire.

ARTICULATION.

ng.

bang,	gang,	hang;	sang,	length,	strength;
bring,	cling,	fling;	ring,	sing,	sling;
spring,	thing,	wing;	song,	thong,	wrong;
clung,	flung,	lung;	sprung,	stung,	young.

LESSON XXX.

Mates, companions.

Build (bîld), to put together.

Pert (pêrt), saucy; disrespectful.

Hail, frozen drops of rain.

Advised', tried to persuade.

Expected', looked for.

BIRDS IN WINTER.

A FABLE.

ONE fine and warm morning in winter, when the sun shone brightly, and the air was as mild as a morning in June, the little birds met

together in a beautiful wood, where the sun had melted the snow away, and the buds had almost begun to appear on the trees.

2. The little birds, enjoying the weather, thought the spring had come, and were in great haste to take their mates, and build their nests.

3. But one old bird, that had seen many such warm days in winter, advised them not to do so too soon. He told them that the snow would come again, and the weather would be too cold for them to build their nests, and lay their eggs, and feed their little young ones.

4. "You would better wait a little longer," said this wise old bird, "until the snow and the ice have all gone, and the weather has become fixed and warm."

5. While the old bird was talking, up jumped a pert little goldfinch, with a smooth head, like satin, and beautiful bright wings. He told the birds that he should not mind what the old bird had said; that he was going to take his mate, and build a nest, and that they would hatch the eggs without waiting longer.

6. Many of the birds did also as he had said. They took their mates, built their nests, laid their eggs, and expected to enjoy themselves,

while the old birds were waiting for fine weather.

7. But no sooner had they laid their eggs, than the cold wind began to blow. The rain, the hail, and the snow fell again, and filled their nests with water and ice. Their eggs were spoilt, and the silly birds themselves caught cold, and became very ill and cröss. They quarrelled *among* themselves, and were very sörry they had not minded the good advice of the old bird.

8. Can you, my little readers, tell your teacher what good lesson this fable of the birds teaches?

ARTICULATION.

r.

<i>race,</i>	<i>rake,</i>	<i>rain ;</i>	<i>rack,</i>	<i>rag,</i>	<i>rank ;</i>
<i>reach,</i>	<i>ream,</i>	<i>reap ;</i>	<i>rent,</i>	<i>rend,</i>	<i>rest ;</i>
<i>bar,</i>	<i>car,</i>	<i>far ;</i>	<i>or,</i>	<i>nor,</i>	<i>war.</i>

LESSON XXXI.

Wreath, a band of flowers for the head.

Par' ty, a number of persons.

May' ing, gathering flowers in May, or on May-day.

De nied', refused.

Del' i cate, frail ; not strong.

Pre vent' ed, hindered.

De cid ed (de sld' ed), firm ; determined to have one's way.

THE FIRST DAY OF MAY

A PARTY of little boys and girls wished very much to go out into the country, on the morning of the first day of May, to raise a May-pole, and choose a Queen of May.

2. The day before had been very windy and rainy, and the weather was cold. No flowers had yet appeared, except the snow-drop and the crocus, two flowers that spring up before the snow has wholly gone.

3. Little Mary Weston was a pretty child, and as good as she was pretty. All her little playmates loved her very dearly, and had made her the Queen of May.

4. Her parents were very fond of her, and seldom denied her any thing that she asked. But they sometimes did not think how bad it would be for her to have her way in all things.

5. When little Mary asked her parents whether she might go with the May party, they forgot all about the cold weather, and gave her leave to go.

6. She rose very early in the morning, and put on her thin, white, summer dress. Instead of wearing her nice thick warm bonnet, she wore a wreath of flowers around her head.

7. All the party of little boys and girls also were dressed like her, in their summer clothes. They walked very happily out into the country, to enjoy the May-day.

8. There was one little girl belonging to the party, whose mother told her, if she went, that she must put on her thick winter clothes and overshoes. This she did not like to do, as all the other little girls were clad in their beautiful white summer dresses.

9. Her mother was very decided with her, however, and told her she must either stay at home or wear her warm dress and thick shoes. The little girl not wishing to go without being dressed like the rest, remained at home.

10. The party that went did not enjoy themselves very much. They found the grass wet, and the air cold. There were no flowers in the fields, and scarcely a bud on the trees. They were, therefore, very glad when they got home, and could warm and dry themselves by a nice warm fire.

11. Many of the party took severe colds ; and some of them were very ill. One delicate little girl was so ill with a fever, that the doctor said she must die. This was Mary Weston, the beautiful little Queen of May.

12. The little girl who staid at home was very glad that her mother had prevented her joining the party, in her summer clothing. This taught her that when her parents denied her any thing, it was only for her good.

13. The children who read this lesson will see how much this party who went Maying were like the little birds that made their nests too soon. You may also learn that you need not only to know what to do, but the proper time and manner of doing it.

ARTICULATION.

th.

that, this, these; those, their, though;
 thence, bathe, breathe; baths, laths, mouths;
 oaths, paths, lithe; blithe, booth, with.

LESSON XXXII.

Pleas' ant, agreeable.

Tor'pid, sleepy; without motion.

Sub' stance, that which really is or exists.

Twil' light, between daylight and dark.

Composed', made of.

Pur sue', to follow after.

In fest', to disturb; to plague.

Sim' i lar, like.

An noy' ing, disturbing or vexing very often.

THE BAT.

THE bat is an animal *that* resembles both a bird and a mouse. It has wings, but no feathers, and its wings are composed of a thin substance, very much like *that* which is found between *the* toes of a duck or a goose.

2. The skin of *the* bat is like *that* of a mouse. Its eyes are very small, and its sight is not very good. In *the* daytime, it can scarcely see at all, and *therefore* it hides itself all *the* day, and flies about during *the* night.

3. There are many animals *that* can see better in *the* dark *than* *they* can by daylight. Cats, dogs, and horses can see as well by night as by day; for *the* great God who made *them*, has given *them* eyes fitted for *the* purpose.

4. We can not see in *the* dark, because our eyes were made to see only in *the* daytime. Bats enter *the* doors and windows of houses, in pleasant summer evenings. They feed upon moths, flies, flesh, and oily substances.

5. In *this* country, bats are quite small, but in some countries in *the* East *they* are very large, and *their* wings, when spread out, measure five or six feet. During *the* daytime, bats

do not stand on *their* feet, but hang *themselves* up by hooks on *their* wings, in *the* lofts of barns, or in hollow or thickly leaved trees.

6. Bats are of great use, on account of *the* great number of insects which *they* pursue and destroy, *with* great eagerness, in *the* morning and evening twilight.

7. When winter comes, *they* seek shelter in caverns, vaults, ruins, deserted buildings, and similar retreats, where *they* cling *together* in large clusters, and remain in a torpid state until *the* returning spring warms *them* into life.

8. Though bats do much good, by destroying many unpleasant and troublesome insects, *they* also cause *other* insects to infest new houses and new furniture. *The* red bugs, which are so very annoying in bed-chāmbers, are found in great numbers on bats.

9. Bats often make their lodging in chimneys; and *thus these* troublesome insects get into new houses and on new furniture. For *this* reason, it is proper *that the* chimneys be smoked in *the* summer-time, to drive *the* bats and *their* companions, *the* red bugs, away from *the* house.

ARTICULATION.

v.

vail,	vain,	vase;	valve,	van,	vamp;
vend,	vent,	vest;	vice,	vile,	vine;
vow,	void,	voice;	even,	given,	vivid.

LESSON XXXIII.

Spoiled, made useless.**Earn** (ĕrn), to get by labor.**As sist'**, to help.**Sup pose'**, to think.**Sup port'**, to provide for.**Peo ple** (pé' pl), folks; persons.**Fam' ily**, persons living together in one house.**Busi ness** (bíz' nes), that which one does for a living.

UNJUST BLAME.

Son. Father, what a naughty, wicked man Mr. Smith is, who keeps the store down in the next street!

Father. What makes you think him a naughty, wicked man, my son?

Son. I went to his store this morning, to get some butter for mother. He told me that it was twenty-six cents a pound; when I saw the man he bought it of, and heard him tell the man that he would give him but twenty cents a pound for it. Now, is not that cheating, father?

Father. No, my son. It is Mr. Smith's proper business to sell things for more than he pays for them.

Son. But, father, why should he make people pay more for things than he gave for them ?

Father. Because, my dear, he keeps a store for that very purpose. You know some people go out to work, and are paid for their day's work ; and, in that way they get money to buy food and clothes for their children.

Son. But Mr. Smith does not work, father. He only keeps shop ; and I should think that would be fun, rather than work.

Father. Whether you call it fun, or work, my dear, Mr. Smith finds it very hard work. He has to go to his store early in the morning, and stay there to tend his store all day, and sometimes until late at night.

He has to hire his store, and to pay the young men whom he has to assist him. He has to buy a great many things that people sometimes want very much, and sometimes do not call for in time ; and then they get spoiled, and Mr. Smith loses them.

He has a large family of little children. He must get money to feed and clothe them, and buy them books, to send them to school, and to

pay the doctor who attends them when they are ill.

As he tends his store all day long, he can do no other work ; and, therefore, he must earn his money to support his family by buying things of one class of people, and selling them at a higher price to others, who may want them.

Stores are of great use, as I suppose you know very well. If there were no stores, we should have to go without many things that we want very sadly.

Now, my son, before you call any one naughty, wicked, or a cheat, be very sure that what you blame is not very useful and necessary, and what you yourself would do if you understood why it is done.

ARTICULATION.

w.

<i>wage,</i>	<i>wail,</i>	<i>wake ;</i>	<i>walk,</i>	<i>wall,</i>	<i>want ;</i>
<i>we,</i>	<i>weak,</i>	<i>wean ;</i>	<i>well,</i>	<i>weld,</i>	<i>went ;</i>
<i>wide,</i>	<i>wild,</i>	<i>wise ;</i>	<i>will,</i>	<i>win,</i>	<i>wink.</i>

LESSON XXXIV.

Prized, valued highly.
Cost'ly, expensive.
Pub'lic, the people.

Jew'els, precious stones.
Admired', greatly thought of.
Consid'er, to think.



THE BEST JEWELS

A RICH lady, who had many fine dresses and costly jewels, *was* very fond of *wearing* them in public. She thought that they *would* be admired by every one.

2. One day she paid a visit to a Roman lady, and, showing her all her fine jewels, told her how costly they *were*. After she had shown these beautiful rich jewels to the

Roman lady, she found that the Roman lady did not seem to admire them so much as she expected.

3. She therefore thought that the Roman lady must have some jewels more beautiful than hers, and she asked the Roman lady to show them to her.

4. The Roman lady told her that they *were* not in the house, but that they *would* be there in a short time, and then she *would* show them to her.

5. By and by two bright little boys, the sons of the Roman lady, came into the house from school. The Roman lady, taking them by the hand, led them to the rich lady, and pointing to them, she said, "*These are my jewels.*"

6. Now, if any of my little readers *wish* that their own kind mothers *would* call them their jewels, they must be good boys and girls at home and at school. Then their parents will consider them as their best and brightest jewels.

7. The name of the Roman lady who prized her sons above the most costly jewels *was* Cornelia. Her sons *were* called the Gracchi; and they both became great men.

ARTICULATION.

y.

yard,	yarn,	yawl;	yawn,	ye,	year ;
yell,	yelp,	yes ;	yet,	yoke,	yore ;
you,	your,	youth ;	year,	yeast,	yield.

LESSON XXXV.

Crouched, bent down low.

Twin, one of two brothers or sisters of the same age.

Hap'less, unlucky.

Cap'tive, a prisoner.

Flit'ted, flew quickly by.

Ach'ing, suffering with continued pain.

Bond'age, state of being a servant.

Pin'ion, the joint of a bird's wing furthest from the body.

Be trayed', deceived.

Pris'on er, one confined.

Do min'ion, government.

Repin'ing, mourning; fretting.

THE SORROWFUL YELLOW-BIRD.

THEY'VE caught my little brother ;
 And he was to me a twin !
 They stole him from our mother ;
 And the cage has shut him in.

2. I flitted by and found him,
 Where he looked so sad and sick,
 With the gloomy wires around him,
 As he crouched upon a stick.

3. His tender eye was shining
With the brightness of despair,
With sōrrōw and repining,
As he bāde me have a care !
4. He said they'd come and take me,
As they'd taken him ; and then
A hopeless prisoner make me,
In the fearful hands of men :
5. That, once in their dominion,
I should have to pine away,
And never stretch a pinion,
To my very dying day :
6. That the wings which God had made him
For freedom in the air,
Since man had thus betrayed him,
Were stiff and useless there.
7. And the little darling fēllōw,
As he showed his golden breast,
He said, beneath the yēllōw,
He'd a sad and aching breast :
8. That, since he'd been among them,
They had ruffled it so much,
The only sōng he'd sing them
Was a shriek beneath their touch.

9. How can they love to see him
 So sickly and so sad,
 When, if they would but free him,
 He'd be so well and glad?

10. My hapless little brother!
 I would fain his bondage share:
 I never had another;
 And he's a captive there!

ARTICULATION.

z.

zeal,	zest,	zinc;	zone,	zion,	zebra;
blaze,	braze,	breeze;	craze,	doze,	freeze;
friz,	gaze,	graze;	maze,	glaze,	prize.

LESSON XXXVI.

Re'al, true.

Suf'fer, to bear; to endure.

Poi'soned, killed by poison.

Nephew (nêf' yu), a brother
 or sister's son.

Uncle (ûng' kl), a father or
 mother's brother.

Openly (ô' pn ll), not in pri-
 vate; publicly.

Horrid (hôr' rîd), dreadful;
 shocking.

Pris on (prîz' zn), a place or
 house where persons are shut
 up for punishment or safety;
 a jail.

Eas'ily, without difficulty.

Direct'ed, ordered.

Geof'frey, a man's name.

Suspect'ed, thought guilty.

En treat'ies, prayers; per-
 suasions.

Un der stand', to know.

LITTLE ARTHUR AND KING JOHN.

ABOUT six hundred and fifty years ago, there lived a very wicked king in England, whose name was John. He had a little nephew, whose name was Arthur.

2. A nephew is the son of a brother or sister. The name of the father of Arthur was Geoffrey. Geoffrey was the son of Henry, called the Second, because he was the second king of England whose name was Henry.

3. On the death of Henry the Second, Geoffrey would have been king, but Geoffrey was dead, and Arthur was the rightful king.

4. But Arthur was a very little boy. He was not old enough to understand how to be a king. His uncle John had the care of him, and acted as king for Arthur.

5. Now, John was a very wicked man, and, although Arthur was a very good little boy, his wicked uncle did not love him. John knew that if he could get Arthur out of the way, without being suspected of killing him, he would be the real king of England instead of Arthur.

6. This wicked man, therefore, tried a great many ways to get rid of Arthur; but John knew that everybody loved Arthur, because he

was so good a little boy. They knew also that Arthur would be a very good king, when he was old enough, and they loved him very much.

7. John, therefore, did not dare to kill Arthur openly, but he had him put into prison, and sent a man, whose name was Hubert, to put out Arthur's eyes, and to kill him.

8. When Arthur saw Hubert come into his prison, with two cruel men, to burn out his eyes with red-hot irons, he fell down on his knees to Hubert, and begged him to pity him.

9. Hubert was not a cruel man, and was easily made to listen to poor little Arthur's entreaties. But Hubert knew that the wicked King John would punish him, and, perhaps, put him to death, if he did not do as the king had directed him, and kill Arthur.

10. He, however, told Arthur that he would not hurt him. Hubert also hid Arthur, so that the king did not know that he was alive. But little Arthur, thinking that Hubert had forgotten to take him out of the prison, jumped from the wall of the prison, and was killed by his fall.

11. The wicked King John had many things to suffer after Arthur's death, and, at last, he was poisoned, and died a very painful and horrid death.

ARTICULATION.

z.

áz' ure,	bra' zier ;	gla' zier,	gra' zier ;
raz' ure,	seiz' ure ;	fu' sion,	leis' ure ;
o' sier,	treas' ure ;	meas' ure,	vis' ion.

LESSON XXXVII.

Set , replace or fix a broken bone.	Tru ant (trú' ant), one who stays from school without leave.
En tice' , to tempt.	
At tend' , to be present at.	Anx ious (ánk' shus), uneasy ;
Belonged' , was connected with.	desirous.

NEVER PLAY THE TRUANT.

CHARLES RUSSEL was a good boy, who liked very much to go to school. He had heard his father say that, when he went to school, he never had played the truant; and Charles was very anxious to be like his father.

2. As Charles was going to school, he met a boy by the name of James Green, who was on the way to the woods to gather nuts. James belonged to the same school with Charles, and ought to have gone to school on that morning.

3. But James had made up his mind to play the truant, and he tried very hard to make Charles go with him. Charles told him that he

would not play the truant, because his father had told him that it was very wrong, and that when he was a boy he had never done so.

4. When Charles came home from school that night, his mother told him that she had some sad news to tell him about one of his schoolmates, by the name of James Green.

5. Instead of going to school, James had gone into the woods to gather nuts. He found plenty of nuts, but seeing a squirrel on a large tree, he put down his basket, and climbed the tree to find the squirrel's nest. Stepping on a branch that bent under his weight, he slipped and fell to the ground, and broke his leg.

6. A man, who was passing through the woods, found him, and carried him home. When the doctor came and set his leg, he said it would be a long time before James would be able to walk.

7. Charles thought to himself how glad he was that he had not gone with James into the woods. If he had, it might have been he instead of James who had the broken leg.

8. He then said to himself, "I will not let any boy entice me away from school, but I will always attend when I am sent, and then I am sure that I shall be out of the way of harm."

TABLE OF CONSONANT ELEMENTS.

SUB-TONICS.

<i>b</i> ,	as in	<i>babe</i> ,	<i>bale</i> ,	<i>bane</i> ,	<i>bard</i> ,	<i>bark</i> .
<i>d</i> ,	"	<i>dale</i> ,	<i>dame</i> ,	<i>date</i> ,	<i>did</i> ,	<i>dim</i> .
<i>g</i> ,	"	<i>gage</i> ,	<i>gale</i> ,	<i>gate</i> ,	<i>gag</i> ,	<i>gig</i> .
<i>j</i> ,	"	<i>jade</i> ,	<i>jane</i> ,	<i>join</i> ,	<i>joint</i> ,	<i>joist</i> .
<i>l</i> ,	"	<i>lake</i> ,	<i>lane</i> ,	<i>late</i> ,	<i>let</i> ,	<i>lend</i> .
<i>m</i> ,	"	<i>make</i> ,	<i>mane</i> ,	<i>mate</i> ,	<i>mild</i> ,	<i>mind</i> .
<i>n</i> ,	"	<i>name</i> ,	<i>nail</i> ,	<i>nave</i> ,	<i>nine</i> ,	<i>night</i> .
<i>ng</i> ,	"	<i>bang</i> ,	<i>gang</i> ,	<i>sang</i> ,	<i>flung</i> ,	<i>young</i> .
<i>r</i> ,	"	<i>race</i> ,	<i>rake</i> ,	<i>rain</i> ,	<i>bar</i> ,	<i>car</i> .
<i>th</i> ,	"	<i>that</i> ,	<i>this</i> ,	<i>these</i> ,	<i>those</i> ,	<i>with</i> .
<i>v</i> ,	"	<i>vail</i> ,	<i>vain</i> ,	<i>vase</i> ,	<i>vine</i> ,	<i>vice</i> .
<i>w</i> ,	"	<i>wage</i> ,	<i>wail</i> ,	<i>wake</i> ,	<i>wide</i> ,	<i>wise</i> .
<i>y</i> ,	"	<i>yard</i> ,	<i>yes</i> ,	<i>yet</i> ,	<i>you</i> ,	<i>your</i> .
<i>z</i> ,	"	<i>zeal</i> ,	<i>zest</i> ,	<i>zinc</i> ,	<i>zone</i> ,	<i>gaze</i> .
<i>z</i> ,	"	<i>azure</i> ,	<i>brazier</i> ,	<i>glazier</i> ,	<i>seizure</i> ,	<i>vision</i> .

LESSON XXXVIII.

Wharf (whârf), a place built
out in the water at which to
load and unload vessels.

Ti' dings, news.

Ves' sel, a ship.

Fas tened (fâs'nd), fixed to.

Pre vent', to hinder.

Bit' ter ly, with great grief.

Dis o be' di ent, not doing
what one is told to do.



YOUNG ROBINSON

A LITTLE boy, one day, went down to a wharf in a great city, to see the large vessels that were preparing to go to sea.

2. A wharf is a place where ships or boats may be fastened, to prevent them from floating away, or being blown away by the wind.

3. This little boy, when he saw the great ships, and heard that they were going out to sea, wanted very much to go in one of them,

and see the great waters, and the countries he had heard so much about, beyond the great waters.

4. He went home to his par'ents, and asked them to let him go in the great ship, the master of which told him that he might go, if he wished.

5. But his par'ents were not willing that this little boy should go in the ship. They knew much about the sea, and that living on board a ship would be a very hard life to lead. They therefore refused their consent.

6. The little boy was not satisfied. He wanted to go, and all his par'ents could say did not prevent him from going. He rose very early, one morning, before his par'ents were awake, and tied up a few of his clothes in his pocket-handkerchief. He then slipped out of the back-door very softly, for fear of waking the family, and went down to the wharf.

7. The captain of the vessel had not yet come down. The little boy, therefore, wandered about, up and down the wharf, for some time. Seeing another vessel preparing to push off from the wharf, he went to the side of the vessel, and asked a man whom he saw there

whether he would not like to take a little boy with him.

8. The man to whom he spoke called to another man, who was the master of the vessel, and told him there was a little boy on the wharf who wished to go with them. "Call him to me," said the master of the vessel. The little boy went on board of the vessel, and the master asked him what was his name. The little boy told him that his name was Robinson.

9. "Robinson," said the captain, who was standing near, "I am going in my ship a great distance, and shall not return home for a year. Do you wish to go with me?" "Yes, sir," said Robinson, "I wish to go very much, and I will do whatever you wish me to do, if you will let me go with you."

10. "Will your par'ents give their consent to your going?" said the captain. "They will not care," said Robinson: "they always let me do what I please." "I can not stop to ask them," said the captain; "but as you say they will not care, I will take you, and I will send a letter to your father to tell him that you have gone."

11. Robinson was so glad to go, that he did not stop to think what a wicked lie he had

told the captain about his par'ents' consent. The ship sailed, and this wicked and disobedient boy went to sea in the ship.

12. When Robinson's father received the captain's letter, informing him that his little son had gōne to sea, he was very sōrry, and his mother, on hearing the sad news, fainted away. She could not sleep all that night, but wept bitterly.

13. She passed nights, and days, and months, in great sōrrōw. In vain she read the newspapers every day, to see whether any tidings came of her son, or the ship in which he sailed.

LESSON XXXIX.

Deck, the floor of a ship.

Diz' zy, light-headed.

Rig' ging, the ropes and sails of a vessel.

Aroused', waked upsuddenly.

Ham' mock, a swinging bed used by sailors.

A sun' der, apart, or in pieces.

Con fu' sion, disorder.

Dis ap pear', pass out of sight.

· YOUNG ROBINSON — Continued.

AS the ship sailed through the water, Robinson was at first very much delighted, and thought that he should have a nice time. But

he had not been long in the ship before it began to roll from side to side, and to pitch and toss on the great waters, so that Robinson could not stand on his feet, but he had to hold on to the sides of the vessel.

2. The houses and the land began to disappear, and before many hours he could see nothing around or above him, but the blue sky and the dark green sea. And then Robinson began to feel dizzy and very ill. He lost all desire for food, and began to think how much pain he had caused to his father and mother by running away. He then thought that he would give all that he had in the world, if he could only be at home with his kind par'ents, his brothers and his sisters.

3. The master of the ship also began to be very severe with him, and to speak to him harshly, and make him run about the ship on errands when he was so dizzy and ill that he could hardly stand.

4. In a few days he began to feel a little better, and when he had nothing to do, he would look over the sides of the vessel and see the great waves coming from a distance. They appeared as though they would sink the ship and all the crew in the deep waters.

5. He was much frightened, too, when the wind arose and whistled through the rigging, and raised the waves so high that they appeared like great mountains of water. In the night, too, he could scarcely sleep for fear. He lay on his hard hammock among the sailors, wide awake, many a night, thinking of his comfortable home, and how glad he would be were he safely there again.

6. One night, as he lay asleep dreaming of home, he was suddenly aroused by a dreadful shock. Then he heard a cry from the deck, "*We are all lost!*" and a moment after, he rolled from his bed on to the floor.

7. He rushed up from his sleeping place to the deck of the ship, where he saw every thing in confusion. The ship had struck on a rock, and was fast going to pieces. Fear was on every face, and all around him were uttering cries and prayers, expecting every moment to be drowned in the deep sea.

8. The ship kept rocking from side to side, and in a few minutes it split and fell asunder. Every one on board was thrown into the water. But Robinson was caught by a sail as he fell, and that saved him from drowning.

9. He caught hold of the spar or yard on

which the sail was fastened, and clung to it. After having been on the water many hours, the wind blew the spar, with Robinson on it, so that it floated to the land.

LESSON XL.

Strewed (strôd), scattered.

Waste, an unoccupied space.

Beach, the shore of sea or lake.

Drear' y, gloomy.

Lone' ly, uninhabited.

Voy' age, travel by sea.

Fa tigued (fa tégd'), wearied.

Com pas' sion, pity.

YOUNG ROBINSON — Concluded

WHEN Robinson came to the land, his clothes were wet through and through. He had been on the water many hours, and he was tired and very hungry.

2. He looked around to see whether any one else had been saved. But no one was near. On the beach, or shore, he saw pieces of the ship strewed about. At last he was so much fatigued that he lay down on the dry sand and fell asleep.

3. When he awoke, the sun was up and shining brightly upon him. He looked out on the

wide waste of waters, but could see neither ship, nor sail, nor boat, nor living thing.

4. He walked a little way from the shore, to see if he could find a house or any place of shelter, but he found none. At length, as he walked along, he saw some bushes or small trees, and, going up to them, he found that there were some oranges on them. He hastily seized one and sat down to eat it.

5. But the story of this little boy is too long to tell you in this book, and I can only add, that he passed many dreary days and nights on the lonely island, where the sea had cast him. One day, as he was walking along the beach or shore, he saw some men rowing a small boat toward the island.

6. The men belonged to a large ship, which he saw at some distance, and they were coming on shore in search of fresh water. The seawater is salt, and not fit to drink.

7. Robinson ran up to the men, as soon as they landed, and told them his story. He owned that he had been a very naughty boy, and said if they would take him with them, he would work for them on the voyage.

8. The men had compassion on him. They took him on board of their ship, and at last

carried him home to his par' ents, who thought he had been drowned.

9. Robinson fell on his knees before his father and mother, and promised them that so long as he lived, he would never disobey them again, nor tell another falsehood.

ARTICULATION.

f.

<i>fame,</i>	<i>fane,</i>	<i>fate ;</i>	<i>far,</i>	<i>farce,</i>	<i>farm ;</i>
<i>fife,</i>	<i>file,</i>	<i>fine ;</i>	<i>force,</i>	<i>ford,</i>	<i>forge ;</i>
<i>fall,</i>	<i>false,</i>	<i>fault ;</i>	<i>foul,</i>	<i>fount,</i>	<i>found.</i>

LESSON XLI

Well' -bred, polite.

Sil' ly, weak in mind.

Tor' toise (târ' tis), a turtle.

At tempt', trial.

Sup' port', to keep from falling.

Na' ture (nât' yer), that which is born with us.

Sat' is fy, to please.

Pre' tend' ing, trying to appear to be what we are not.

THE EAGLE AND THE TORTOISE.

A FABLE.

LITTLE boys are often fond of playing horse, and pretending that they are dogs or cats. Sometimes they make a noise like a dog barking or a cat mewling.

2. This is all very well, when they are at play among themselves, to amuse each other. But when they are in the company of their parents and friends, they should make no such noises, but conduct themselves like good and well-bred little boys.

3. No one should pretend to be what he is not, and no one should try to be what he never can be.

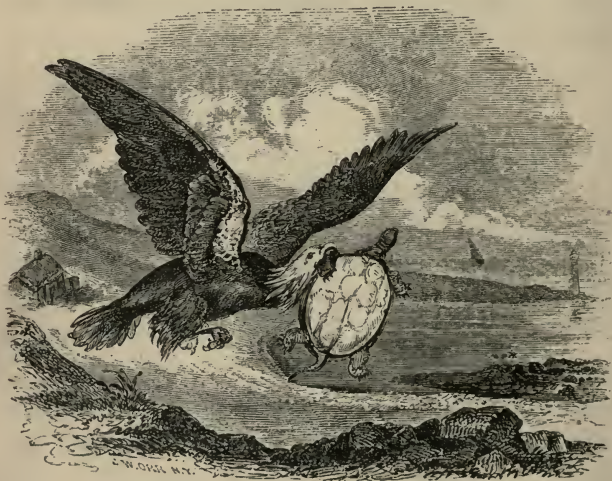
4. A story is told of a tortoise that wished very much to be a bird. The story is a fable, and a fable is a story which is not true; but, although it is not true, it is so much like a true story, that it always teaches a useful lesson.

5. The tortoise is a creature that can swim very fast in the water. When out of the water, it can walk only slowly, and with great labor. It has a hard and thick shell on its back, from which combs and other useful things are made.

6. An eagle is a very large bird, and it flies very high and fast in the air. The tortoise wished very much to be a bird, and to fly in the air. He thought that he could be a bird, if any one would teach him how to fly.

7. Seeing the eagle, one day, the tortoise

begged that he would teach him how to *fly*. But the eagle told the silly tortoise that *flying* was a thing he could not do, because it was contrary to nature.



8. But the tortoise was not satisfied. He begged the eagle to take him up into the air, and then let him *fly* down to the earth.

9. The eagle, *finding* that nothing else would satisfy the tortoise, did as he was desired. He took the tortoise up very high into the air, and then let him drop. The poor *foolish* tortoise, being unable to support himself in the air, *fell* down upon a rock, and was dashed to pieces.

10. We may learn from this fable, that if we try to be, or to do, what, from our nature, we can not be, or do, we may fail in our attempt, and be brought to a sad end, like the silly tortoise.

ARTICULATION.

h.

<i>h</i> ale,	<i>h</i> ame,	<i>h</i> ate ;	<i>h</i> ark,	<i>h</i> arm,	<i>h</i> ard ;
<i>h</i> eal,	<i>h</i> ear,	<i>h</i> ear ;	<i>h</i> ide,	<i>h</i> igh,	<i>h</i> ire ;
<i>h</i> old,	<i>h</i> ome,	<i>h</i> ope ;	<i>h</i> ound,	<i>h</i> ouse,	<i>h</i> owl.

LESSON XLII.

Term, a name.

Spe'cies, kind, or sort.

In' stance, an example.

U' sage, use ; practice.

Sur face (*sêr' fas*), the outside.

Bur' rows, makes or lodges in a hole in the earth.

Pro voke', to stir up ; to excite.

Dis tinct (*dîs tîngt'*), standing by itself ; separate.

En' e mies, those who would do us harm.

Rid'ic ule, laughter ; words spoken to produce laughter.

RABBITS.

Walter. Is not this the picture of a rabbit, father? John says it's a hare.

Father. And John is right, my son. That is the picture of an American hare.

Walter. But I am sure



I heard you call it a rabbit. Everybody calls these animals rabbits.

Father. True, Walter. And yet, really, they are *hares*. Though the rabbit looks very much like a *hare*, it is a distinct species, and is much wiser than the *hare*. It burrows in the ground, and thus *hides* itself and its young from its enemies ; while the *hare* lives on the surface of the earth, and is in constant fear of its enemies.

Look at this picture of a tame rabbit, and then look at the picture at the head of this lesson, and you will see that they are different.



Walter. Oh yes. I can see that very plainly. But if our rabbits, as we call them, are only *hares*, why are they not called by their right name? Why are they not called *hares*?

Father. A first mistake in naming the animal, *has* made the term rabbit so common, that most people believe it to be correct ; and it is now almost impossible to change it to the right one.

Walter. I will call them *hares*, after this.

Father. People will hardly know what you mean.

Walter. But they are hares, and ought to be called so:

Father. My son, when you speak to others, you wish them to understand the meaning of your words, do you not.

Walter. Oh yes.

Father. If you say hare, you will not be understood, for the American hare is known as the rabbit. It is better always to be correct in every thing; but where the usage of a whole people is slightly incorrect, as in this instance, it is better that lads, like yourself, should do as others do, instead of trying to introduce a reform. You could effect no change of the custom, and you would only lay yourself open to the unpleasant ridicule of many.

Walter. But you have said that we never should be afraid of ridicule, father.

Father. Nor should we. And yet, there are few who can bear it without feeling unpleasantly. It is always best not to provoke it lightly, for those who laugh at us are not in a state to be made better by what we may say or do.

Walter. I never thought of that.

Father. But it is a fact, Walter ; and, therefore, while we should not be afraid of being laughed at, we should not, for a light cause, call down upon ourselves the ridicule of others.

ARTICULATION

k.

<i>keel,</i>	<i>keep,</i>	<i>key ;</i>	<i>kiss,</i>	<i>king,</i>	<i>kink ;</i>
<i>kind,</i>	<i>kine,</i>	<i>kite ;</i>	<i>kirk,</i>	<i>kept,</i>	<i>kick ;</i>
<i>beak,</i>	<i>seek,</i>	<i>weak ;</i>	<i>back,</i>	<i>pack,</i>	<i>tack.</i>

LESSON XLIII.

Bill , the mouth or beak of a bird.	Cor rect' , right.
So' ber , serious.	Im prove' , to grow better.
Gloss'y , smooth and shining.	Re quire' , to demand ; to ask.
Puz' zle , to confuse ; to perplex.	Rap' id ly , very quickly.
Lis ten (lis'sn), hear attentively.	Tim' id ly , with fear ; bashfully.

WHAT IS A BIRD?

A TEACHER, who was very anxious to make his scholars understand their lessons, said to them one day, "Now, children, I have a very hard question to ask you. It does not require you to study, but only to think about it, in order to answer it well. The one who gives me

the best answer shall go to the head of his class. The question is this: *What is a bird?*"

2. Before they heard the question, they looked very sober, and thought their teacher wished to puzzle them, or to give them a long sentence to learn. But, as soon as they heard the question, they began to smile among themselves, and wonder why their teacher should call that a hard question.

3. A dozen hands were at once raised, to show that so many of the children were ready to answer it.

4. "Well, John," said the teacher, "your hand is up; can you tell me *what a bird is?*"

5. John quickly rose, and, standing on the right side of his seat, said, "A bird is a thing that has two legs."

6. "Well," said the teacher, "if some one should saw off two of the legs of my chair, it would then be a thing that has two legs; but it would not be a bird, would it? You see, then, that your answer is not correct."

7. One of the children said that a bird is an *animal* with two legs. "But," said the teacher, "all little boys and girls, and all men and women, are animals with two legs; but they are not birds."

8. Another child said that a bird is an animal that has wings. But the teacher said, there are some fishes that have wings, and that fishes are not birds.

9. A bright little girl then rose and said: "A bird is an animal that has legs and wings, and that flies." The teacher smiled upon her very kindly and told her that "it is true that a bird has legs and wings, and that it flies; but, there is another animal, also, that has legs and wings, and that flies very fast in the air. It is called a *bat*. It flies only in the night; but it has no feathers, and therefore is not a bird."

10. Upon hearing this, another bright-eyed child very timidly rose and said, "A bird is an animal that has legs, wings, and feathers." "Very well," said the teacher; "but can you not think of any thing else that a bird has, which other creatures have not?"

11. The children looked at one another, wondering what their teacher could mean; and no one could think what to say, until the teacher said to them, "Think a moment, and try to tell me how a bird's mouth looks. You see I have two lips, and these two lips form my mouth. Now, tell me whether a bird has two lips; and if he has not, what he has instead of lips."

12. One of the children quickly arose and said, that a bird has no lips, but he has a bill ; and that bill opens as the lips of a man do, and forms the mouth of the bird.

13. "Yes," said the teacher ; "and now listen to me while I tell you the things you should always mention, when you are asked what a bird is : A bird is an animal that has feathers, two legs, two wings, and a hard, glossy bill."

14. "And now," said the teacher, "you see I was right, when I told you that I had a hard question to ask you. Try to remember what I have told you about a bird, and when you are asked what any thing is, think of all you ever knew about the thing, and, in this way, you will be able to give a correct answer.

15. "This will also teach you to think of what you read, and to understand it. Thus, you will improve rapidly, for you can always read those things best which you understand."

ARTICULATION.

p.

<i>pace,</i>	<i>pail,</i>	<i>pain ;</i>	<i>pant,</i>	<i>pass,</i>	<i>past ;</i>
<i>peace,</i>	<i>peak,</i>	<i>peep ;</i>	<i>pike,</i>	<i>pine,</i>	<i>pipe ;</i>
<i>pond,</i>	<i>pop,</i>	<i>pomp ;</i>	<i>plump,</i>	<i>pulp,</i>	<i>pump.</i>

LESSON XLIV.

Hut, a rude dwelling.

Plat' ted, braided ; interwoven.

Ank' lets, ornaments for the ankle.

Char' coal, coal made by burning wood under a covering of earth.

Mus cle (mûs' sl), a kind of shell-fish.

Ma cao (mă kou').

Chinese', belonging to China.

Nan keen', yellow cotton cloth.

Du' ti ful, obedient ; kind.

Del' i cate, pleasing to the taste.



THE LITTLE CHINESE BOY.

ATUNG was a little Chinese boy. He had no mother. She had been dead a great many years.

2. He lived all alone with his old father in a poor little hut, standing among some green palm-trees, near a Chinese village in Macao, which is in China, about eighty miles from the great city of Canton.

3. I dare say, you have seen some of the very curious things which are brought from thence.

4. Atung was a good and pretty boy. He wore nankeen trowsers, and a sort of jacket, which came down to his knees, and round his ankles were little narrow strips of tin.

5. The children of rich men in China wear silver anklets; but the father of Atung was so poor, he could buy his son only tin ones. His hair was very black, and he wore it platted in a long braid, hanging down his back.

6. He would have seemed a very strangely dressed little boy to you; but, think as you would, I am sure, if Atung could have seen you, he would have thought your dress even more odd.

7. His father was very poor, and so old, that he could scarcely pull the rice which grew in a small spot of ground back of the little hut. He would sit most of the day, and smoke his long pipe.

8. Little Atung did not mean that his father should suffer, if he could *prevent* it. He was very dutiful and kind to him, gathered oysters off the rocks near the sea, and *picked up* delicate muscles, for his old father to eat.

9. Once or twice a day he would take a great earthen jar upon his shoulder, and go off to the springs, among the hills of Macao, and fill it with sweet fresh water, that his father might drink. He cooked rice and fish over a little pan of charcoal, at the door of the hut. He also took great care to keep the hut tidy or neat.

10. But, by and by, the old man was taken very ill, and *pined* away, day after day, until, at length, he died; and poor little Atung was left all alone with the dead body of his father, in that small hut, by the green palm-trees.

ARTICULATION.

s.

safe,	sake,	same;	sage,	sate,	sway;
sane,	save,	slave;	sand,	sash,	scab;
scan,	slap,	snag;	snap,	span,	stag;
sack,	sang,	sank;	slab,	slam,	swam;
sea,	seal,	seat;	see,	seed,	seen;
self,	send,	sense;	silk,	since,	sing.

LESSON XLV.

Mor' sel, a very little piece.

Wasted (wâst'ed), worn away.

Grate' ful, kindly disposed toward one from whom a favor has been received.

Forlorn', lonely : friendless.

Foreign (fôr'in), belonging to another country.

Ocean (ô'shan), the largest body of salt water.

Cof fin (kôf' fin), a box in which a dead body is buried.

Hast ened (hâ'snd), went quickly.

Im' ages, forms made to represent persons or things.

Mis' sion a ries, persons sent to teach religion. Christian missionaries are called *missionaries of the cross*.

THE LITTLE CHINESE BOY—Concluded.

POOOR little Atung now had no friend but Göd ! And yet he had never heard of the great God of heaven. He had been taught to bow down before images of wood and stone. But God loved him, poor little ignorant boy as he was.

2. The Bible tells us that not a spärrōw falls to the ground, without the knowledge of our heavenly Father. He loves all his children, and now he raised up friends for this forlorn little boy.

3. One day, it chanced that some foreign gentlemen and ladies were viewing the rice-fields near a Chinese village, when suddenly

they heard low sobs and cries, as of some one in pain, or in grief.

4. These cries came from a little wood, near by. They hastened to it, as fast as they could, and there, sitting on the ground, with his head leaning against the body of a palm-tree, was poor little Atung.

5. He was vëry pale ; his eyes were sunken, and his form wasted. One of the gentlemen, who could speak the Chinese language, went up to the little boy, and kindly taking his hand, asked the cause of his distress.

6. Atung was so weak that he could hardly speak. At last he told them that he was nearly starved ! For three days he had not touched a morsel of food ! His father had no cöffin, and he had saved the few fishes he had caught, and even every grain of rice that he had, that he might sell them, and thus be able to bury his poor old father !

7. The party were all moved by the ströng love which this little boy showed for his father. The same day, a cöffin was prepared, and the body of the old man was given to the earth.

8. One of the gentlemen took the poor, forlorn, little boy home with him to his own house, which stood fronting the great ocean, in one of

the first streets of Macao. He soon became fond of the Chinese boy, who showed himself grateful in many ways for the kindness he had received.

9. In a few weeks, when Atung was strong again, the same gentleman placed him at a school taught by some kind missionaries, where he might learn about our great Father in heaven, and his son Jesus Christ.

10. Do you not think the little Chinese boy was rewarded for his love and duty to his old father? So will all children be, who remember to keep the command—"HONOR THY FATHER AND THY MOTHER."

ARTICULATION.

t.

<i>tale,</i>	<i>taste,</i>	<i>taint ;</i>	<i>tar,</i>	<i>targe,</i>	<i>tart ;</i>
<i>taunt,</i>	<i>taught,</i>	<i>tempt ;</i>	<i>tent,</i>	<i>test,</i>	<i>text ;</i>
<i>tilt,</i>	<i>tint,</i>	<i>tinge ;</i>	<i>toast,</i>	<i>toll,</i>	<i>tone.</i>

LESSON XLVI.

Tapped, knocked slightly.

Beak, the horny bill of a bird.

Sports' men, men fond of fishing or hunting.

Ex posed', laid open.

Re gret', sorrow ; grief.

Dan' ger, liability to injury.

Lib' er ty, freedom.

THE WOOD-PIGEON.

THE common wood-pigeon, or the ring-dove, as *it* is sometimes called, is one of the shyest birds in the woods.

It is so wild, that sportsmen find *it* very difficult indeed to get within shot of *it*. But this wild bird will become quite tame, if caught when young, and treated with great kindness.



2. A friend of mine bought two young wood-pigeons from some boys, merely to save their lives. He sent them to an old woman near his house to be bred up. She took great care of them, feeding them with peas, of which they were very fond.

3. One of them died, but the other grew up, and was a fine bird. Its wings had not been cut, and as soon as *it* could fly, *it* was set at liberty.

4. But this bird was so fond of the old woman, who had treated *it* so kindly, that *it* would never quite leave the place. *It* would

fly to a great distance, and even go with birds of its own kind. But it never failed to come to the house of my friend, twice a day, to be fed.

5. The peas were placed for it in the kitchen window. If the window was shut, it would tap with its beak till it was opened; then, it would come in, eat its meal, and fly off again.

6. If by chance, after it had tapped for a long time, the window was not opened, the pigeon would fly upon a tree, that was near, and wait till the cook came out. As soon as it saw her, it would alight on her shoulder, and go with her into the kitchen.

7. What made this more strange was, that the cook had not bred the bird up; and the old woman's cottage was at some distance; but as she had no peas left, it came to my friend's house, as I have said, to be fed.

8. This went on for some time; but the poor bird, having lost its fear of man, was exposed to constant danger from those who did not know it. It met with the fate of most pets. A stranger saw it quietly sitting on a tree, and shot it, to the great regret of all its former friends.

ARTICULATION.

th.

thank, thick, thing; think, third, thirst;
thigh, thorn, thumb; thump, thatch, theft;
bath, breath, path; lath, truth, youth.

LESSON XLVII.

Mourned (môrnd), grieved.**Soothe** (sôth), to make quiet.**An' them**, a song of praise.**War bled** (wâr' bld), sang as a bird.**Fran' chised**, made free.**Kin' dred**, of the same blood, or family.**Bur den** (bêr' dn), a weight borne or carried; the chorus, or a verse of a song repeated.**A dieu** (â dî'), a farewell; act of taking leave.**Mel' low er**, softer.**Flut' tering**, panting; beating.**Min' istered**, supplied, or gave.

THE BIRD SET FREE.

SHE opened the cage, and away there flew
 A bright little bird: as a short adieu,
 It hastily whistled, and passed the door;
 And felt that its sorrôwful hours were o'er.

2. An *anthem* of freedom it seemed to sing,
 To utter its joy for an outspread wing;
 That now, it could sport in the boundless air;
 And might go any and every where.
3. And Anna rejoiced in her bird's delight;
 But her eye was wet, as she marked its flight;



Till, this was the sǒng that she seemed to hear ;
And, mǐrrily warbled, it dried the tear :

4. “I had a mistress, and she was kind
In all but keeping her bird confined.
She ministered food and drink to me ;
But oh ! I was pining for liberty !
5. “My flutttering bosom she loved to smooth ;
But the heart within it she could not soothe ;
I sickened and lǒnged for the wildwood breeze,
My feathery kindred, and fresh green trees.
6. “A prisoner here, with a useless wing,
I looked with sǒrrōw on every *thing*.

I löst my voice, I forgot my söng,
And mourned in silence the whöle day löng.

7. "But I will go back with a mellower pipe,
And sing, when the chërries are round and
ripe,
On the topmost bough, as I lock my feet
To help myself, in my leafy seat.
8. "My mërriest notes shall there be heard,
To draw her eye to her franchised bird ;
The burden, then, of my song shall be,
Earth for the wingless ; but air for me !"

ARTICULATION.

ch.

chafe, chain, chase ; change, charm, chart ;
cheese, cheek, cheer ; chick, chin, chip ;
chill, each, inch ; march, much, breach.

LESSON XLVIII.

Hap pened (hâp' pnd) chanced.	In' stant ly , immediately ; in the shortest time possible.
Hu' mor , general turn or temper of mind.	Offend' ed , vexed ; made angry ; hurt in the feelings.
Troub ling (trûb' ling), disturbing ; annoying.	Dis pleas ure (dis plêz' er), dislike ; offense ; anger.
Com pel' , to oblige ; to force to some act.	In ter rupt' , to stop ; to hinder.

SPEAK GENTLY.

“GET out of my way,” said John to William, as he was rolling his hoop along a narrow passage, through which William was drawing his wagon. “You are always getting in my way, whenever I wish to have a little fun with my hoop, or my ball, or any of my playthings.”

2. These angry words of his brother made William feel out of humor too, and he very roughly replied, “You get out of *my* way. I can not play anywhere with any thing without your coming to interrupt me. I have as much right to be in the road as you have, and, if you can not amuse yourself without troubling me, go somewhere else to play.”

3. These unkind words between his two sons were heard by Mr. Conway, who from a window in the house saw what was going on, without his sons knowing that he was near.

4. A few days after, he happened to be in the barn, in one part of which he had caused a fine swing to be made for his children. William was enjoying the swing with another lad of about his own age, when John entered the barn in great haste, and in no very good humor.

5. “Get out of that swing, Bill,” said John.

“You and Harry Jones have had it a long time, and it is my turn to swing, now. Father did not have it put up for you, and all the ragged boys in the village.”

6. “I came here first,” said William. “I have the swing and mean to keep it. You only came here to interrupt us. If you wanted to swing, why did not you come and take it before we left our balls? The swing has been empty all the morning, and you would not have thought of it if you had not seen us here.”

7. “I don’t care for that,” said John. “I want it, and I will have it. If you do not get out of it this minute, I will pitch you out.” These angry words did no good. Although William was younger and smaller than John, he thought, with the aid of Harry, he could prevent his brother from taking the swing, and keep it for himself.

8. John was just about to carry out his threat, and had taken hold of the rope to pull the seat from under his brother, when their father, whom they had not before seen, appeared before them.

9. “I believe, my sons,” said Mr. Conway, mildly, “I must have the swing taken down. I had it nicely put up, hoping that it would

amuse my *children* and make them happy, but, I find it causes them to quarrel."

10. "O father!" said William, "do not take it down. John shall have it this time, if you will only let it remain." John also said that he would give it up to his brother the whole day, if his father would not take it down.

11. "*Children*," said Mr. Conway, "I have no wish to remove it, if you will not compel me to do so. It was not the swing that caused the difficulty between you, but the unkind manner in which you spoke to one another. I heard all that passed between you about the swing, as well as the quarrel that took place a few days ago in the road.

12. "My son, when you wished your brother to let you pass by him with your hoop, you roughly said to him, 'Get out of my way!' Your angry manner offended him. Now, if you had said gently to him, 'Please, William, move your wagon a little, so that I may pass with my hoop,' he could have had no cause of displeasure, and would, without doubt, have moved out of your way.

13. "This morning, if you had said to him, 'William, please let me swing a little while,' I have no doubt that he would instantly have

given up the swing to you, but you vëry roughly bǎde him, 'Gët out of that swing !'

14. "Now, my sons, I wish you both to remember, when you ask any one to do any thing for you, to *speak kindly*. No one likes to be ordered to do any thing ; but, if kindly asked to do it, no one who is not very ill-tempered will refuse to oblige you."

ARTICULATION.

sh.

shade, shake, shame ; sheef, sheep, sheet ;
shark, sharp, shore ; short, should, shout ;
shall, sash, marsh ; shell, shift, shawl.

LESSON XLIX.

Thawing (thǎ'ing), melting like snow.

Wor thy (wër' thǎ), deserving praise or love.

Ran' cid, having an unpleasant smell or taste.

De prive', to take from.

In dulse', yield to the enjoyment of.

Hos' pitals, houses for persons who are sick or of unsound mind.

En tire' ly, wholly ; completely.

ICE-HOUSES.

ICE-HOUSES are made to keep ice when the weather is warm, and to prevent its thawing. They are sometimes made below the

ground, with a drain for carrying off the water of the ice when melted, and a low covering to keep out the sunshine and heat. Sometimes they are made above the ground, and then the sides are double, and filled with sawdust, or shavings.

2. Ice is vëry useful in warm weather. When milk, cream, and butter are kept on the ice, the butter will not become rancid, nor the milk and cream sour.

3. Meat, and food of all kinds, will also keep good much lönger and better on the ice. A glass of water with ice in it is vëry refreshing, on a warm day in summer. But it is very dangerous and hurtful to drink a great deal of ice-water on a very hot day.

4. Not löng ago there was a rich man, who lived in Böston. He was a vëry worthy man, and every one loved him. When people were in trouble, he gave them good advice, and helped them in many ways. He was very kind to the poor, and gave them money, and clothing, and food.

5. One vëry warm day, many years ago, this good man, after working very hard in his business, went to visit some poor people. When he returned home, he was very warm and

thirsty. He drank some ice-water, and it tasted so refreshing that he did not think of the harm it would do him. He drank too much of the very cold water; and was taken very ill.

6. At first it was thought that he would die. But he had a vëry skillful doctor, under whose care his life was saved; though he never after was entirely well.

7. He lived many years, but was obliged to be vëry careful in his diet. Every thing he ate or drank was weighed, and he was compelled to deprive himself of many plëasures in which he saw his friends indulge.

8. The only plëasure he had was in being good and doing good. There are vëry many people now living whom he aided. He gave large sums of money to build churches, and hospitals, and to support worthy ministers.

9. This good man died a vëry shört time ago, and both the rich and the poor, the old and the young, were very much grieved at his löss. The name of this good man was Amos Lawrence.

ARTICULATION.

wh.

whale, wharf, what; wheat, wheel, wheeze;
whelm, whelp, whence; where, which, whiff;
while, whine, whip; whirl, whist, white.

LESSON L.

Wolf, a fierce wild animal of the dog family.	Destroyed', overturned.
In'jure, to harm.	Pas'sions, strong feelings.
Youn'ger, of less age.	In'no cent, harmless.
	Affec'tions, states of the mind.

TAKE CARE OF THAT WOLF.

Mother. Take care of that wolf, my son: you are saying harsh things about William.

Alfred. What wolf, mother?

Mother. The wolf in your heart. Have you forgotten *what* I told you last evening, about the wild beasts within you?

Emily. But you told us, too, about the innocent lambs. There are gentle and good animals in us, as well as fierce and evil ones.

Mother. Oh, yes. Kindness and love are the innocent animals of your hearts, and evil passions and hate are the cruel beasts, that are always ready, if you will permit them, to rise up and destroy your good affections. Take care, my children, how you permit the wild beasts to rage.

Emily. But *what* did you mean by saying that there was a wolf in brother Alfred? Tell us the meaning of that, mother.

Alfred. Yes, do, mother. I want to know what the wolf in my heart means.

Mother. Do you know any thing about the nature of wolves?

Emily. They are very cruel, and love to seize and eat up dear, little, innocent lambs.

Mother. Yes, my children, their nature is cruel; and they prey upon innocent creatures. Until now, Alfred, you have always loved to be with your playmate, William Jarvis. Was it not so, my dear?

Alfred. Yes, mother; I used to like him.

Mother. Often, you would gët from me a fine, large apple, or a choice flower, from the garden, to give him. But the tender and innocent feelings that moved you to do this have perished. Some wolf has rushed in, and destroyed them. How innocent, like gentle lambs, were your feelings, until now! When you thought of William, it was with kindness. But it is not so now. Only the wolf is there. Will you still let him rage and eat your lambs, or will you drive him out?

Alfred. I will drive him out, mother, if I can. How shall I do it?

Mother. Try to forgët the fault of William; think how good he has been to you, and try to

excuse him, for he did not mean to offend you. Then, *when* you love him, the innocent lambs will again be seen, and the wolf must flee.

Alfred. I don't think I am angry with William; mother.

Mother. But you were just now.

Alfred. Yes; but the wolf is no longer in my heart. He has been driven out.

Mother. I am glad of it. Do not again, Alfred, do not, any of you, my children, let wild beasts prey upon the lambs of your flock. Fly from them in as much terror as you would fly from a wolf, a tiger, or a lion, were one to meet you in a wood. Wild beasts injure the body, but evil passions injure the soul.

TABLE OF CONSONANT ELEMENTS.

A-TONICS.

<i>f</i> ,	as in	<i>fame</i> ,	<i>fane</i> ,	<i>fate</i> ,	<i>fife</i> ,	<i>file</i> .
<i>h</i> ,	"	<i>hale</i> ,	<i>ham</i> ,	<i>hate</i> ,	<i>hark</i> ,	<i>harm</i> .
<i>k</i> ,	"	<i>keel</i> ,	<i>keep</i> ,	<i>kiss</i> ,	<i>kink</i> ,	<i>kirk</i> .
<i>p</i> ,	"	<i>peep</i> ,	<i>pipe</i> ,	<i>plump</i> ,	<i>pulp</i> ,	<i>pump</i> .
<i>s</i> ,	"	<i>same</i> ,	<i>sane</i> ,	<i>save</i> ,	<i>send</i> ,	<i>sense</i> .
<i>t</i> ,	"	<i>taste</i> ,	<i>tart</i> ,	<i>taught</i> ,	<i>tempt</i> ,	<i>toast</i> .
<i>th</i> ,	"	<i>thank</i> ,	<i>thing</i> ,	<i>think</i> ,	<i>truth</i> ,	<i>youth</i> .
<i>ch</i> ,	"	<i>chase</i> ,	<i>charge</i> ,	<i>charm</i> ,	<i>much</i> ,	<i>march</i> .
<i>sh</i> ,	"	<i>shade</i> ,	<i>shake</i> ,	<i>shame</i> ,	<i>shall</i> ,	<i>shout</i> .
<i>wh</i> ,	"	<i>whale</i> ,	<i>what</i> ,	<i>wheat</i> ,	<i>which</i> ,	<i>white</i> .

LESSON LI.

Cling, to hold fast upon.

Mer' chant, one who buys and
sells goods.

Re solves', determines.

Sim' ple, without ornament or
pride.

Hand some (hăn'sum), pretty ;
pleasing to the eye.



JAMES AT HOME.

THIS is the picture of a fine street in the city of New York. It is called Lafayette Place.

2. There are some large and very handsome houses, behind those trees, on the right side of the street. James Walton's father lives in one of them. His name is Edward Walton, and he

owns a large store in a vëry wide and löng street, called Broadway.

3. James has a vëry good and wise mother. Though she is the wife of a rich New York merchant, she dresses him in a very plain and simple manner, and does not allow him to be vain and proud, as boys sometimes are that have rich par' ents.

4. James loves his mother, and does all he can to please her. She has taken so great pains to teach him to do right at all times, that he has become a good and thoughtful boy.

5. I mean that he is a good boy on the whöle ; though, like other boys of his age, he sometimes does wröng.

6. There are no boys that always do right ; but some, when they do wröng, love the wröng and cling to it, and mean to do it as öften as they can. James, when he has done wröng, is sorry for it, and resolves to do so no more.

7. He rises vëry early in the morning, and prepares for school. He does not trouble the servants, for he has been taught to help himself.

8. He does not play with Bruno, his pet dögg, nor with Prince, his little pony, nor with

any of his playthings, in the morning, but he hastens to school, and studies all the time he has, till his class is called out.

9. Mr. Clark, his teacher, loves him vëry much, for he is quiet in school, and always learns his lessons well, and is kind to his school-mates on the play-ground.

10. James learned his lessons so well, and was so good a boy at home and at school, that his father promised to let him pass the summer vacation in the country, with his uncle Alfred.

11. In the next lesson, I will tell you what James saw at his uncle's in the country, and how he enjoyed his visit.

LESSON LII.

Shield (shêld), to protect.

Rel'ish, to like or enjoy.

Pas' ture, a field where cattle graze or feed on grass.

Tin kled (ting' kld), made quick sounds like a small bell.

Peb' bles, small smooth round stones.

Mow' er, one who cuts grass with a scythe.

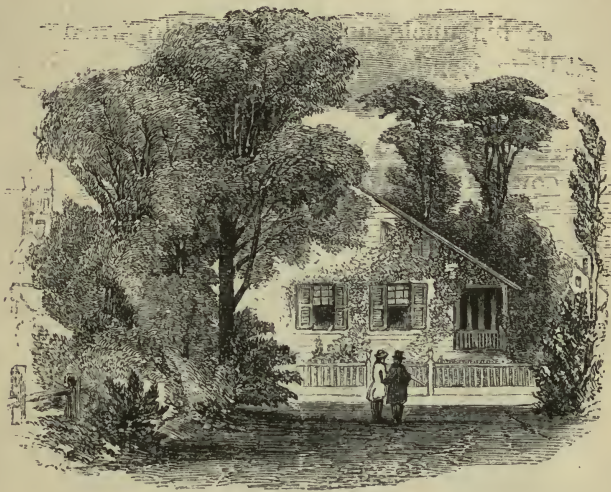
Twit' ter, a number of chirping noises without singing.

JAMES IN THE COUNTRY.

MR. ALFRED WALTON, or Uncle Alfred, as James calls him, lives on a vëry fine farm in the State of New Jersey.

2. It is about twenty miles from the city of

New York, and is called Coldbrook farm, because a brook of vëry cold and clear water runs through it.



3. Here you see a picture of the farm-house. It is cool and pleasant in summer ; for, though not large, it is surrounded by fine shrubs and trees, which shield it from the heat of the sun.

4. Mr. Clark's school closed the last of June, and he had a vacation of ten weeks. James passed all this time in the country, with his Uncle Alfred, and he enjoyed his visit vëry much.

5. I dare say he would have been lonely,

had it not been for his cousin Henry, who was about his own age. They soon became great friends, and were seldom found apart.

6. James did not idle his time away, nor trouble his uncle, as some boys do, when they visit their friends ; but he was vëry useful.

7. He would rise early in the morning, and help his cousin to water the horses, and drive the cows to pasture, after they had been milked.

8. Sometimes he would carry in wood from the wood-house ; and he and Henry would climb chërry-trees, and gäther chërries, and pick currants and gooseberries in the garden, for his aunt.

9. One morning James and Henry rose vëry early, and took their rods and lines, and followed the brook down through the meadow, to cäth some fish for Henry's mother, who was ill, and did not relish her food.

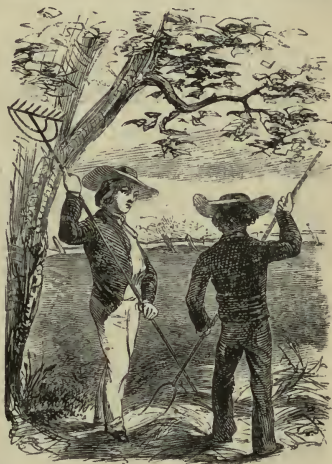
10. It was a vëry pleasant walk. The clear and cold water tinkled over the little pebbles in the brook, and the green möss and mint had grown up in the grass on its banks. The birds were singing, and the air was sweet with the odor of clover and wild flowers.

11. They followed the brook down to a deep

place, under the roots of an old tree, in the wood, where they soon caught six fine spotted trout. This was rare sport for James, as he had never before been a-fishing.

12. In haying-time, James and Henry helped Mr. Walton make hay. But some of the boys and girls, who read this lesson, may not know how hay is made. I will now tell you.

13. The mowers first cut down the grass with scythes, into thick swaths, or rows. Here you see James and Henry turning over these thick rows, and spreading them out, so that the grass may dry. They wear straw hats, with wide rims, so that the sun may not shine in their faces. James has a rake, with which he turns over the rows, and Henry has a pitchfork, to spread them.



14. After the grass is dry, it is raked up into large rows, called wind-rows. It is then loaded on the wagon, and taken to the barn. James

and Henry sometimes raked up the hay that fell from the wagon as it was loaded.

15. Sometimes, when there was a shower, they would lie on the sweet new hay, in the barn, and hear the rain-drops patter on the roof, and the swallows twitter in their nests under the eaves.

16. When vacation was over, and James returned home, his face was so brown and sun-burnt, that his schoolmates hardly knew him ; but he was much stronger and healthier than he would have been, if he had remained in the city.

LESSON LIII.

Glit' ter, to sparkle.

Ca' lyx, the cup of a flower.

Sau' cer, a shallow dish in which a tea-cup is set.

Fore head (fôr' ed), front part of the head above the eyes.

Im' i tate, to copy.

Pur' pose ly, by design or plan.

Ex ample (egzâm' pl), something to be imitated.

Prov o ca' tion, any thing that causes anger.

THE HUMMING-BIRD.

THE humming-bird is the smallest of all birds, and it is also one of the handsomest. It is almost always on the wing, and it flies so fast, that the wings can scarcely be seen.

2. It has a vëry lǒng bill, in the shape of an awl. The bill is sharp at the point, so that it can be thrust into a flower, and extract the sweet honey from the bottom of its cup.

3. The cup of a flower is called the cālyx. The cālyx is sometimes deep, and it has a vëry nǎrrōw opening. With its lǒng and sharp bill, the humming-bird can reach to the bottom of the flower, where all its sweetness lies.

4. The tongue of the humming-bird is forked ; that is, it is divided so that it looks like two tongues, or like the prǒngs of a fork. The feathers on its wings and tail are black, but those on its body, and under its wings, are of a greenish brown, with a fine reddish glöss, which no silver, gold, nor velvet can imitate.

5. It has a small crest, or tuft of feathers, on its head. The crest is green at the bottom, and brighter than gold at the top. It sparkles in the sun like a little star in the middle of its förehead. The bill is black, straight, and slender, and of the length of a small pin.

6. This bird keeps its wings in such rapid motion, that their beautiful color can only be seen by the glitter. This rapid motion of its wings causes a humming sound, and from this sound it has its name of humming-bird.

7. The humming-bird lays but two eggs, and they are about the size of small peas. The eggs are as white as snow, with a few yellow specks on them. These birds hatch their eggs in ten days.

8. When the young first appear, they are of the size of a blue-bottle fly. The plumage of the young is not so bright as that of the old birds.

9. The humming-bird is easily tamed. In an hour after it has been caught, the little cheerful captive will often come and suck the honey, or sugar and water, from flowers held out to it.

10. In a few hours more it becomes tame enough to sip sweets from a saucer, and soon it will come to the hand that feeds it. In dark or rainy weather, it seems to pass most of the time dozing on the perch, or roost, in its cage.

11. The humming-bird is a brave little fellow. It sometimes dares to attack other birds much larger than itself, if they go too near its nest. He attacks even the king-bird, and drives the martin back to his box.

12. Sometimes it will attack the yellow-bird and the sparrow without any provocation. I

hope none of my little readers will copy the bad example of these pretty little birds, and quarrel purposely with other children, larger or smaller than themselves.

EXERCISE IN ARTICULATION.

SUB-TONIC COMBINATIONS.

<i>bl</i> ,	as in	<i>blade</i> ,	<i>blame</i> ,	<i>blaze</i> ,	<i>black</i> ,	<i>bland</i> ;
	"	<i>blast</i> ,	<i>bleak</i> ,	<i>bleat</i> ,	<i>bleed</i> ,	<i>bless</i> .
<i>gl</i> ,	"	<i>glaze</i> ,	<i>glass</i> ,	<i>glance</i> ,	<i>gleam</i> ,	<i>glean</i> ;
	"	<i>glee</i> ,	<i>glide</i> ,	<i>glimpse</i> ,	<i>globe</i> ,	<i>glue</i> .
<i>br</i> ,	"	<i>brave</i> ,	<i>brain</i> ,	<i>break</i> ,	<i>broad</i> ,	<i>broth</i> ;
	"	<i>brass</i> ,	<i>branch</i> ,	<i>brick</i> ,	<i>bring</i> ,	<i>brink</i> .
<i>dr</i> ,	"	<i>drain</i> ,	<i>drawl</i> ,	<i>dream</i> ,	<i>dread</i> ,	<i>dregs</i> ;
	"	<i>dress</i> ,	<i>drive</i> ,	<i>drink</i> ,	<i>drought</i> ,	<i>drown</i> .
<i>gr</i> ,	"	<i>grace</i> ,	<i>grapes</i> ,	<i>grave</i> ,	<i>grand</i> ,	<i>grant</i> ;
	"	<i>green</i> ,	<i>greet</i> ,	<i>grind</i> ,	<i>gripe</i> ,	<i>grove</i> .

LESSON LIV.

Ridge (rlj), top or upper part.

Sig'nal, a sign.

Bris tly (brís' slí), with rough standing hairs.

Pa tience (pá'shens), the act of bearing quietly.

Muz'zle, nose and mouth of an animal.

Or' i gin, the beginning.

Grey' hound, a tall swift dog kept for hunting.

En a' ble, to give power to.

Dig' ni fied, noble.

Scru' pu lous, nice; exact.

Sus pi' cious, thinking evil.

Fi del' i ty, faithfulness.

Cu ri os' ity, anxiety to see or know.

MAIDA, THE SCOTCH GREYHOUND.

A HOUND is a dög, with löng, smooth, hanging ears, and löng limbs, that enable him to run very swiftly. The greyhound is not so called on account of his color, but from a word which denotes his Grecian örgin.

2. The Scotch greyhound is a larger and more powerful animal than the common greyhound ; and its hair, instead of being sleek and smooth, is löng, stiff and bristly. It can endure great fatigue.



3. Sir Walter Scott had a very fine dög of this kind. His name was Maida. He was one of the finest döggs of the kind ever seen in Scotland, not only on account of his beauty and dignified appearance, but also from his great size and strength.

4. When Sir Walter traveled through strange towns, Maida was usually surrounded by crowds of people. He indulged their curiosity with

great patience until it began to be troublesome, and then he gave a single short bark, as a signal that they must trouble him no more.

5. Nothing could exceed the fidelity, obedience, and attachment of this dög to his master, whom he seldom quitted, and on whom he was a constant attendant, when traveling.

6. Maida was a high-spirited and beautiful dög, with black ears, cheeks, back, and sides. The tip of his tail was white. His muzzle, neck, throat, breast, and legs were also white.

7. The hair on his whole body and limbs was rough and shaggy, and particularly so on the neck, throat, and breast. That on the ridge of the neck he used to raise, like a lion's mane, when excited to anger.

8. His disposition was gentle and peaceable, both to men and animals; but he showed marked symptoms of anger to ill-dressed or blackguard-looking people, whom he always regarded with a suspicious eye, and whose motions he watched with the most scrupulous jealousy.

LESSON LV.

Sheaves, bundles of grain.
Carved, cut with a chisel.
Por trait (pòr' trát), picture.
Re straint', hinderance.
In' ci dent, what takes place.
A ver' sion, dislike.
Spec ta' tor, one who looks on.

Majes' tic, like a king.
In scrip' tion, something writ-
ten.
Ag' i ta ted, shaken.
Ex hib' it ed, showed.
Rec om mend', to praise to
another.



MAIDA, THE SCOTCH GREYHOUND—Concluded.

SIR WALTER used to give an amusing account of an incident which befell Maida in one of his chases. "I was once riding over a

field, on which the reapers were at work, the stooks or bundles of grain being placed behind them, as is usual.

2. "Maida, having found a hare, began to chase her, to the great amusement of the spectators, as the hare turned very often and very swiftly among the stooks. At length, being hard pressed, she fairly bolted into one of them.

8. "Maida went in headlong after her, and the stook began to be much agitated in various directions; at length the sheaves tumbled down, and the hare and the dog, terrified alike at their overthrow, ran different ways, to the great amusement of the spectators."

4. Among several peculiarities which Maida possessed, one was a strong aversion to artists, arising from the frequent restraints he was subjected to, in having his portrait taken, on account of his majestic appearance.

5. The instant he saw a pencil and paper produced, he prepared to beat a retreat; and, if forced to remain, he exhibited the strongest marks of displeasure.

6. Maida's bark was deep and hollow. Sometimes he amused himself with howling, in a very tiresome way. When he was very fond of his friends, he used to grin, tucking up his whole

lips, and showing all his teeth; but this was only when he very much desired to recommend himself.

7. Maida lies buried at the gate of Abbotsford, Sir Walter's country-seat, which he long protected. A gravestone is placed over him, on which is carved the figure of a dog. It bears the following inscription:

"BENEATH THE SCULPTURED FORM WHICH LATE YOU WORK,
SLEEP SOUNDLY, MAIDA, AT YOUR MASTER'S DOOR."

LESSON LVI.

Screen , something that shelters or hides.	In quis'i tive , apt to ask questions.
Cur ios'i ty , something rarely seen.	Automaton (â tòm'a ton), a self-moving machine.
Ma chin'ery , an arrangement of wheels and other things by which labor is done.	Clarionet' , a wind instrument of music.
Intel'ligent , easily understanding.	Piano-for te (pe â'no-fôr'te), a musical stringed instrument with keys.

THE AUTOMATON CLARIONET-PLAYER.

A GENTLEMAN, by the name of Roberts, had a little son, of about eight years of age, named George, who was a very bright and intelligent lad.

2. By intelligent, I mean that he easily understood what was said to him. This little boy was also very inquisitive. By inquisitive, I mean that he asked a great many questions, in order to understand what he heard or saw.

3. His father, one day, took George to see a very great curiosity, which was exhibited in Bōston. A German had made the figure of a man, and dressed it very handsomely, and had put a great deal of work on the inside of the man.

4. He had also a door, or opening, in the back of the man, where any one could see how it was made to move its eyes, its arms, and its fingers.

5. This wooden man was called an autōmaton, because it appeared to move itself, while, all the time, it was not the man that moved, but the work, called machinery, in the inside of the man, that moved.

6. As the wooden man stood up in the room, it was at first covered with a screen. The maker would go behind the screen, and wind up the machinery, in the same manner that a watch or clock is wound up.

7. The maker then moved the screen, and the wooden man lifted up its head, and bowed

three times to all the people that had come to see it; turning its head first to the right, then to the left, and then in front.

8. It held in its hand a musical instrument, called a clarionet. When it had bowed, as I have said, it raised its eyes, and lifted the clarionet up to its mouth, and closing its lips tight around the mouth-piece of the instrument, it raised its fingers, one after another, and played some very sweet tunes.

9. Its maker also played on a piano-forte the same tunes with the wooden man. George and his father, and all the persons in the room, were delighted with the music which it made.

10. In the next lesson, you will read what George Roberts and his father said, when they returned home from visiting the musical wooden man. But first I will tell you its name. It is called the Automaton Clarionet-Player.

LESSON LVII.

Reeds (of an organ), pipes through which air is blown.

Pow' der, fine dry particles.

Cof' fee, the berry of a tree from which a beverage is made.

Ker nel (kêr' nel) any thing inside of a shell or husk.

Bellows (bêl' lus), a machine with which air is blown.

Con versed', talked together.

Bev' er age, a drink.

Di' a logue, a conversation between two or more.

Ex hi bi' tion, a show.

THE AUTOMATON CLARIONET-PLAYER—Continued.

AFTER George and his father had left the room, where they had seen the wooden man, they conversed together about it, on their way homeward.

2. When two persons talk together about any thing, what they say to one another is called a dialogue. The following is the conversation, or dialogue, which took place between George and his father at that time.

Father. Well, George, my son, how were you pleased with the exhibition ?

George. I don't know what you mean, father, by an exhibition. I never saw such a thing.

Father. Did not the man show you the beautiful wooden man, that made the sweet music ?

George. Oh yes, father, I saw the wooden man. Is that an exhibition ?

Father. When any thing is showed to a number of persons, it is called an exhibition of that thing. The person who shows it is called an exhibitor, and the thing is said to be exhibited. And now, George, what do you think of the exhibition ?

George. It was very pleasing, father, and the

man was handsome, and it made very sweet music. But was it not alive, father?

Father. No, my son, not any more than a carriage is alive, when it moves, and we ride in it.

George. What made it move, father, if it was not alive?

Father. I will answer your question by asking another. You have seen Anna, the cook, put coffee into the mill, and turn the handle of the mill, to grind the coffee. The coffee came out of the mill, not in kernels, or berries, as it was put in, but, as you know, in the form of powder.

George. Yes, father, but Anna grinds the coffee, and that breaks up the berries into very small pieces.

Father. True, my dear; but Anna merely puts the coffee into the mill, and turns the handle, and the fine coffee falls out. It is not Anna, but the work, called machinery, inside of the mill, that grinds the coffee. The mill will not grind the coffee unless Anna turns the handle.

George. Is there work, or machinery, in the musical man, father?

Father. Yes, George. There is a great deal of machinery inside of an automaton, and the

wonder is how a man can make it produce so many and such beautiful effects.

George. Does not the wooden man make the music, father?

Father. The wooden man can not make music, of itself, my son. Some of the machinery in the inside of the wooden man makes a pair of bellows blow, other machinery carries the wind to little reeds, and still other machinery causes the wooden man to lift up its fingers, and move its head and its eyes; but it can not walk, nor do any thing, except what the machinery makes it do.

George. But is it not very curious, father, to see it move its eyes and its head, and look around the room, as if it were alive?

Father. Yes, George; and if the wooden man could walk about, and talk too, it would be the greatest curiosity in the world.

George. Father, are there any wooden men that can walk about and talk?

Father. There are many men that can walk about and talk, but none that are made of wood.

George. But you have told me, father, that all men, and even you yourself, were once little boys and helpless infants. Was the wooden man ever a little wooden boy?

In the next lesson, you may read what answer George's father made to this question, and what further he said to his son.

LESSON LVIII.

Dis placed' , put out of order.	Cre a' tor , our Maker ; God.
Med' i cine , any thing used to cure disease or sickness.	Wor' ship , to adore ; to pay divine honors to.

THE AUTOMATON CLARIONET-PLAYER—Concluded.

“**N**O, my son,” said George Roberts' father.
“It was made a wooden man, and always will be a wooden man. But curious and wonderful as it is, it is by no means so wonderful as any living man or child that you see.

2. “You have a great deal more machinery in you than the wooden musical man, and so have I, and everybody else. But we can not see our machinery. We know it is in us ; yet it can not be seen while we are alive.

3. “So long as we live, this machinery is always at work. By means of it, we walk, and talk, and laugh, and cry, and eat, and drink.

4. “We have a great Creator who made us, and the smallest of his works is much more wonderful than any thing that man ever made.

5. "We have never seen this great Creator, but he always sees us, and knows what we do. The wooden man will sometimes get out of order, because the machinery breaks or gets displaced.

6. "When our machinery gets out of order, we are ill, or sick. The medicine that we are required to take when we are ill, is intended to put the machinery in order to make it work right.

7. "The wooden man does not take medicine, because it would do it no good. When it is out of order, the man who made it can open its back and put the machine in order.

8. "And now, my son, I wish you to think of our great Creator, who made us and all the machinery in us. How wonderful he is, how great, how good to us! Every thing we do and every thing we enjoy, we owe to him.

9. "He watches over us at all times, whether we are sleeping or waking. He made all things that we see around us, in the fields, and the woods, and everywhere else.

10. "We should love, worship, and obey our great Creator, and attend to all that he tells us. He has given us a book in which he has told us what to do. That book is called the Bible, and the name of our great Creator is God."

LESSON LIX.

Toiled, worked hard.

Starve, to die from hunger or
want.

Pierc'ing, cutting ; keen.

Mod'est, not bold.

Fleet'ing, moving rapidly.

FAITH IN GOD.

I KNEW a widow vëry poor,
Who four small children had :
The oldest was but six years old,
A gentle, modest lad.

2. And vëry hard this widow toiled
To feed her children four ;
A noble heart the mother had,
Though she was very poor.
3. To labor, she would leave her home,
For children must be fed ;
And glad was she when she could buy
A shilling's worth of bread.
4. And this was all the children had
On any day to eat :
They drank their water, ate their bread,
But never tasted meat.
5. One day, when snow was falling fast,
And piercing was the air,

I thought that I would go and see
How these poor children were.

6. Ere long I reached their cheerless home ;
'Twas searched by every breeze ;
When, going in, the eldest child
I saw upon his knees.
7. I paused to listen to the boy :
He never raised his head,
But still went on, and said, "Give us
This day our daily bread."
8. I waited till the child was done,
Still listening as he prayed ;
And when he rose, I asked him why
That prayer he then had said.
9. "Why, sir," said he, "this morning, when
My mother went away,
She wept, because she said she had
No bread for us to-day.
10. "She said we children now must starve,
Our father being dead ;
And then I told her not to cry,
For I could get some bread.
11. "'Our Father,' sir, the prayer begins,
Which made me think that he,

As we have no kind father here,
Would our kind Father be.

12. "And then you know, sir, that the prayer
Asks Gōd for bread each day ;
So in the cōrner, sir, I went ;
And that's what made me pray."

13. I quickly left that wretched room,
And went with fleeting feet,
And very soon was back again
With food enough to eat.

14. "I *thought* Gōd heard me," said the boy.
I answered with a nod ;
I could not speak, but much I thought
Of that boy's faith in God.

EXERCISES IN ARTICULATION.

ATONIC COMBINATIONS.

<i>sk</i> ,	as in	<i>skate</i> ,	<i>skiff</i> ,	<i>skill</i> ,	<i>skirt</i> ,	<i>skulk</i> ;
	"	<i>skull</i> ,	<i>scarf</i> ,	<i>scold</i> ,	<i>scorn</i> ,	<i>scowl</i> .
<i>sp</i> ,	"	<i>space</i> ,	<i>spade</i> ,	<i>span</i> ,	<i>spark</i> ,	<i>speak</i> ;
	"	<i>speed</i> ,	<i>spell</i> ,	<i>spend</i> ,	<i>spice</i> ,	<i>spike</i> .
<i>st</i> ,	"	<i>stain</i> ,	<i>stamp</i> ,	<i>stand</i> ,	<i>start</i> ,	<i>stalk</i> ;
	"	<i>stick</i> ,	<i>stone</i> ,	<i>stove</i> ,	<i>stoop</i> ,	<i>stout</i> .
<i>sq</i> ,	"	<i>square</i> ,	<i>squash</i> ,	<i>squat</i> ,	<i>squeak</i> ,	<i>squall</i> ;
	"	<i>squeal</i> ,	<i>squeeze</i> ,	<i>squint</i> ,	<i>squirm</i> ,	<i>squirt</i> .



LESSON LX.

Fold, a pen for sheep.

Shepherd (shêp'erd), one who tends and guards sheep.

Wan' der, to leave home.

Stran' ger, one unknown.

East' ern, toward the rising sun.

CALLING HIS SHEEP BY NAME.

A GENTLEMAN who was traveling in Greece, passed a flock of sheep, in his morning walk, and asked the shepherd if it was common in the Eastern countries to give names to sheep.

2. He said that it was, and that the sheep obey the shepherd, when he calls them by their names.

3. The gentleman asked the shepherd to call out one of his sheep. When he did so, it left the flock at once, and ran up to the shepherd, with looks of pleasure, and with a ready obedience, which he had never before seen in any other animal.

4. The Bible says of the good Shepherd: "The sheep hear his voice; and he calleth his own sheep by name, and leadeth them out. And when he putteth forth his own sheep, he goeth before them, and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice. And a stranger will they not follow, but will flee from him; for they know not the voice of a stranger."

5. The Lord says: "I am the good Shepherd, and know my sheep, and am known of mine."

6. The gentleman, of whom we were just speaking, also asked the shepherd whether the sheep would come when a stranger called them by name; but he said they would not, but would flee at the voice of a stranger.

7. He said that many of his sheep were still wild, because they had not yet learned their names; but that, when taught, each would learn its own name. Those which know their own names, he called tame sheep.

8. Remember, dear children, that the Lord is your good Shepherd, and knows all of your names. You hear his voice, and come at his call, when you do good ; but you wander from his fold, and do not hear his voice, when you do what is wrong.

9. All of you have been taught what it is to do right, and all of you know what it is to do wrong. We hope that none of you are wild sheep, but that all know the voice of your good Shepherd, and will come when he calls you.

LESSON LXI.

Ech' o, a sound sent back.	Rea son (rè' zn), the cause.
Fright' ened, filled with fear.	Ef fect', something done.

THE ECHO.

A BOY, who had taken great pains to learn to bark like a dög, when walking through a wood, thought this would be a fine place to bark. So he said, "Bow ! wow ! wow !"

2. As soon as he had made this noise, a voice in the wood said, "Bow ! wow ! wow !"

3. "Döggy ! döggy !" said he, and there was a quick reply of "Döggy ! döggy !"

4. "Who are you ?" called the boy.

5. "Who are you?" said the voice in the wood.

6. "Why, Edward Blair!" answered the boy.

7. "Why, Edward Blair!" said the voice in the wood.

8. "Why do you mock me?" said Edward.

9. "Why do you mock me?" said the voice in the wood.

10. "What a fool you are!" said the angry boy; and the quick reply of the voice in the wood was, "What a fool you are!"

11. "If I can find you, I will whip you!" said Edward. As soon as he had said this, the voice in the wood shouted, "If I can find you, I will whip you!"

12. This so frightened him, that he ran home, in great haste, and told his father there was a bad boy in the woods, shouting and calling him names.

13. "Would you like to know the name of the bad boy in the woods?" said his father.

14. "Oh yes, father; and why could I not find him?"

15. "Edward, the name of this boy, as you call him, is *Echo*. The reason why you can not find him is, that an echo is only a sound. You can not see a sound, can you?"

16. "No, father; but where did the sound come from?"

17. "First, Edward, if you should throw a stone into a pond, you may tell me what effect it would have upon the water."

18. "It would set the water in motion."

19. "Well, my son, if the water strike against a rock, when it is in motion, what effect would the rock have upon the water?"

20. "The rock would send the water back again," said Edward.

21. "Just so," said his father, "is an echo produced. When you speak or shout, the sound of your voice sets the air in motion, and when the motion of the air strikes against a tree, or some other hard substance, the sound is sent back, so that you hear your own words."

22. After his father had thus explained to this little boy what the echo is, he made a friend of it, and used often to amuse himself and his friends with its powers.

LESSON LXII.

Wight (wlt), a person.

Deign (dân), to think fit.

Dell, a hollow place; a little valley.

Sul'try, very hot and close.

Re mote', far from; distant.

Prov'i dence, the care of God.

Di' a dem, a king's crown.

THE VIOLET.

A FABLE.

DOWN in a humble dell
A modest violet chanced to dwell,
Remote from gayer flowers :
Its days were passed in simple ease ;
It sipped the dew and kissed the breeze,
Nor thought of happier hours.

2. Long lived it in this quiet way,
Till, on a hot and sultry day,
About the midst of June,
It chanced to spy a lady fair,
All dressed in satins rich and rare,
Come walking by, at noon.
3. And thus the silly flower began :
“It much should like to live with man,
And other flowers to see :
Why is it, for I can not tell,
That I forever here should dwell,
Where there is none but me ?”
4. While thus it spoke, the lady stopped
To pick up something she had dropped,
And there the flower she spied ;

And soon she plucked it from its bed,
Just shook the dew-drop from its head,
And placed it at her side.

5. Soon at the lady's splendid home
The violet found that she was come,
For all was bright and gay ;
And then upon the mantel-shelf,
With many a flower beside herself,
Was placed, without delay.

6. And oh, how glad and proud was she
In such a splendid place to be !
But short was her delight ;
For rose and lily turned away,
And would not deign a word to say
To such a country wight.

7. She passed the day in much disgrace,
And wished that she might change her place,
And be at home again.
She sighed for her own mossy bed,
Where she might rest her aching head ;
But now to wish were vain.

8. Next morn, the housemaid, passing by,
Just chanced the little flower to spy,
And then, without delay,

She rudely seized its tender stalk,
And threw it in the gravel walk,
And left it to decay.

9. And thus it mourned : “ O silly flower,
To wish to leave my native bower !

Was it for this I sighed ?

Oh, had I more contented been,
And lived unnoticed and unseen,
I might not thus have died ! ”

10. Nor let this lesson be forgot :
Remain contented with the lot
That Providence decrees.
Contentment is a richer gem
Than sparkles in a diadem,
And gives us greater ease.

LESSON LXIII.

Fra'grance, sweet smell.

Trump'et, a wind instrument
of music.

Sens' es, the powers by which
we are able to perceive out-
ward things.

Nat ure (năt' yer), what is pro-
duced or made ; birth.

Pro nounce', to utter ; to speak

De prived', stripped of some
thing.

De fects', faults ; short-comings

Ac'ci dent, that which falls or
happens ; a chance event.

Per' fect ly, completely, with-
out fault.

Im pos' sible, that which can
not be or be done.

THE FIVE SENSES.

ALL persons, who are not deprived by nature or by accident of something which belongs to them by the gift of Gōd, their Creator, have five senses.

2. The names of these five senses are hearing, seeing, feeling, smelling, and tasting. Besides these senses, they have a gift called the power of speech.

3. Infants can hear, see, feel, smell, and taste; but they can not speak at first. By degrees, they learn to speak, and they speak the sooner, if they have a little brother or sister, who tries to teach them to pronounce little words, such as they can understand.

4. Some persons are born without some of the senses. The blind are those who can not see. Sometimes persons are born blind, and sometimes they lose their sight by disease, or by some unfortunate accident.

5. Some persons are deprived of speech, that is, they can not speak a word. Such persons are often born without the power of speech. Some persons are also born dēaf, that is, they can not hear, and sometimes they become deaf by disease or by accident.

6. Some persons are also born without the sense of smell. Such persons can not perceive the fragrance of sweet flowers, or any other pleasant odor. And some persons are born with some defects, by which they can neither hear, see, smell, taste, nor feel, so quickly or so perfectly as others.

7. When a person is born blind, he can have no idea of colors. He can not tell white from black, nor red from green, nor any other color.

8. A person once tried to explain to a man, who was born blind, what the color of scarlet was like. Scarlet is a bright, red color.

9. After the blind man had heard his friend explain for a long time what scarlet is like, he at last clapped his hands with joy, and said, "Oh, I know now what scarlet is. It is like the sound of a trumpet."

10. I suppose you know that there is nothing in the sound of a trumpet, or of any other instrument, at all like scarlet, or any other color.

11. But this story shows that when a person is born without any one of the senses, it is impossible to explain to such a person any thing which belongs to that sense.

LESSON LXIV.

Prac' tice, constant use.

An' vil, the iron block on which
metals are hammered.

Im proved', made better.

Fac' ul ty, the power of doing.

Mu si cian (mu zish' an), one
skilled in music.

Ed u ca' tion, teaching.

THE FIVE SENSES — Concluded.

THE five senses, seeing, hearing, smelling, tasting, and touching, may all be improved by education. That is, persons may be taught to see better, hear better, and do every thing better, which they do öften, or practice frequently.

2. Every faculty can be improved by practice. Some persons can perceive many things with their eyes closed, which others can not perceive with their eyes open.

3. I have known some persons, who could tell, by feeling alone, one piece of money from another, without looking at it. They could tell whether it was good money, or bad: whether it was silver, or gold, or copper.

4. Some persons learn to see a great way öff. Sailors, who watch on the ocean, can see ships and boats, at a great distance, distinctly, which other people could not see at all.

5. Musicians notice a difference in sounds, which other persons suppose are exactly alike. And every person, who practices the use of any one sense, always improves that sense, so that it becomes more perfect.

6. So also, in talking. Persons who are careful to speak plainly, and to pronounce every syllable of a word distinctly, learn by degrees to speak so clearly, that everybody knows what they say, even if they do not speak loud.

7. They can be heard distinctly in a large room, when others, who speak much louder, can not be understood at all.

8. Every thing, that we do often, we do easily. A child, who walks a great distance every day, will soon be able to walk a long time without fatigue.

9. A blacksmith has to lift a very heavy hammer, and to strike a very hard blow with it on the anvil. But after he is used to it, it becomes as easy to him as the lifting of a light hammer is to another man.

10. Now, if little boys and girls will remember what I have told them, they may know that every lesson which they learn makes the next one easier.

11. Although they may not like to learn les-

sons at first, if they study them well, they will become easier and easier every day, until at last they are learned so easily, that they become a pleasure, rather than an unpleasant task.

EXERCISE IN ARTICULATION.

SUB-TONIC AND A-TONIC COMBINATIONS.

<i>cl</i> ,	as in	<i>claim</i> ,	<i>clasp</i> ,	<i>class</i> ,	<i>clear</i> ,	<i>clean</i> ;
	“	<i>climb</i> ,	<i>cling</i> ,	<i>clink</i> ,	<i>close</i> ,	<i>cloak</i> .
<i>fl</i> ,	“	<i>flake</i> ,	<i>flame</i> ,	<i>flag</i> ,	<i>flash</i> ,	<i>flax</i> ;
	“	<i>fleece</i> ,	<i>fleet</i> ,	<i>flesh</i> ,	<i>flow</i> ,	<i>floor</i> .
<i>pl</i> ,	“	<i>place</i> ,	<i>plain</i> ,	<i>plate</i> ,	<i>plead</i> ,	<i>please</i> ;
	“	<i>pledge</i> ,	<i>plight</i> ,	<i>pluck</i> ,	<i>plum</i> ,	<i>plunge</i> .
<i>sl</i> ,	“	<i>slack</i> ,	<i>slate</i> ,	<i>slave</i> ,	<i>slay</i> ,	<i>sled</i> ;
	“	<i>sleek</i> ,	<i>sleep</i> ,	<i>slice</i> ,	<i>slide</i> ,	<i>sloop</i> .

LESSON LXV.

Gloom'y, dark ; cheerless.	Ex tends', stretches out.
Brill'iant, bright ; shining.	In' di go, dark blue color.

COLORS.

WHAT makes the woods and the green meadows, and the sweet-smelling flowers, so beautiful? It is the bright colors, which are mixed together in them, that make them so pleasing to the eye.

2. One is never tired of looking at the green grass in the meadows, the white and red blossoms in the trees, and the beautiful blue sky above our heads.

3. Why do we not see them in the dark night? The grass is on the meadows, the blossoms are on the trees, and the sky is still above our heads in the night time; but we can not see the bright green on the grass, nor the red and white blossoms on the trees, nor the soft blue in the sky.

4. Where are the colors in the night time? They have gone away, but they will return again with the cheerful light of day. In the night time, when there is no light, every thing looks black.

5. The colors come with the light, and when the light goes away the gloomy black returns. Black, then, is no color, but only the absence of light and color.

6. Did you ever see a beautiful rainbow? There all kinds of bright colors are seen. There you may see the red, orange, yellow, green, blue, indigo, and violet, all separately, and all mixed up together.

7. The ends of this brilliant bow seem to rest on the earth, while it extends up to the

very top of the sky. In it, as I have said, you see seven colors ; red, orange, yellow, blue, indigo, green, and violet. But after all, there are but three colors in the bow, and these are red, blue, and yellow.

8. The other colors are only a mixture, formed from these. When the blue and yellow are mixed together, they make a green. When the blue and the red are mixed, they produce a violet, or purple.

9. The beautiful colors in the fields, the trees, in pictures and paintings, and on the feathers of birds, the leaves of flowers, and every object that you see, all are produced by mixing together the simple colors, blue, yellow, and red. The blue you see in the sky, the red in the rose, and the yellow on the butter-cup and the bright sun-flower.

10. But the poor blind boy is deprived of all these beautiful sights. For him, there is no beautiful sunrise ; no purple and golden sunset ; no silver moon ; no green fields nor trees ; not a bright flower or bird. They are all lost to him, for he can not see them. How thankful ought you to be to your heavenly Father, who has opened your eyes to all these beautiful sights !



LESSON LXVI.

THE BLIND ASYLUM.

IN South Boston, there is a very large house, with very many rooms in it, where blind children are received, to be taught to read, write, and spell.

2. It may seem strange to you, that blind children can be taught to read, when they can not see a letter. They can not read such books

as you read, which are printed with black and red letters, for they can see no colors.

3. But there are books made on purpose for the blind, and they can read them, by feeling the letters with their fingers. The letters are not black, nor red, but are of the same color with the leaf on which they are made.

4. The letters are raised on the page, and stand up, something like buttons on your dress. If you shut your eyes, and pass your fingers up and down your dress, you can feel the buttons ; and if one button is larger, or smaller than another, you can tell, by feeling, which is the larger and which is the smaller, without opening your eyes.

5. Sometimes, too, there are figures on some of your buttons, and others are plain. With your eyes shut, you can tell, by the feeling, which is a figured button, and which is a plain one. In this manner, the blind are taught to read, by feeling the letters. By long practice, they learn to read, with their fingers, almost as fast as other people can with their eyes.

6. I know a blind man, who when he hears of any thing that is very handsome, or pretty, asks to *see* it. He can not see it, but when it is put into his hands, he feels all over it, and very

quickly finds out as much about it as most people can, who see it with their eyes.

7. The large house, where the blind children are taught, is called the A sy'lum for the Blind. The blind children are there taught how to read, write, and spell; and some of them also are taught most other things that children learn who are not blind.

8. Some of the blind children are taught to sing, and to play on the piano-forte, on the harp, on the flute, on the guitar, or violin, or some other musical instrument. Some learn to make almost every thing that others can make, who are not deprived of their sight.

9. Some of the children have to put away the clothes of the other children, after they have been washed. Although they can not see, they never make a mistake in putting each one's clothes into the drawers where they belong.

10. Now these blind children are vëry happy at the asylum, because they always have something to do, which they know how to do. Other blind children, who have never been taught to be useful, are not as happy as those at the asylum, who always have some one about them to amuse them, and to teach them what to do, and how to do it.

LESSON LXVII.

De scribe', to give an account of In' dus try, steady attention to business.	Breeze, a light wind. In tel' li gent, well informed ; knowing.
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LAURA BRIDGMAN.

AMONG the children who were sent to the blind asylum, that was described in the last lesson, was one vëry unfortunate little girl, whose name is Laura Bridgman.

2. This little girl was sent there when she was very young, and she was the most unfortunate little child that I ever heard of.

3. She was not only blind, but she was also dëaf and dumb. Deaf persons are those who can not hear, and dumb persons are those who can not speak.

4. Some persons are only slightly dëaf, and can hear when loud noises are made ; and some can hear only when the noises are very loud. But poor little Laura could not hear a sound, whether loud or not.

5. She could see nothing. She could hear nothing. She could not speak a word. Now what could this poor little unfortunate creature do ? She could feel, she could smell, and she could taste, and that was all that she could do,

until she came to the blind asylum. There she was taught to read, to write and to spell.

6. Does it not seem strange to you that she could read, though she could not see a letter, hear a sound, nor speak a word? She does not speak when she reads, but she spells with her fingers, and she can tell with her fingers what she reads.

7. When she reads, she takes hold of some one's hand, and makes motions with her fingers, which are understood by the person whose hand she holds. She reads the same kind of books that other blind persons read, with raised letters.

8. But she has now learned to read and write herself, and has grown up to be quite an intelligent woman; although, when she first went to the blind asy'lum, she knew but little more than a young kitten, or a little puppy.

9. Now if a little girl, who was deaf, dumb, and blind, has learned so much by attention and industry, how much ought other children to do, who can see, hear, and speak!

10. You can not be too thankful to your good and great Creator, who has given you the use of all your senses, seeing, hearing, feeling, smelling, and tasting.

11. Think, for a moment, of how much poor Laura is deprived. She can not hear sweet music. She can not talk in words to her friends. She can not see beautiful pictures, nor enjoy the pleasant sight of the country, and the green grass, and trees, and flowers, as you can. But she can smell the sweet flowers, and enjoy the sweet breeze of summer, and thank her friends and her Gōd for what she has learnt.

EXERCISE IN ARTICULATION.

SUB-TONIC AND A-TONIC COMBINATIONS.

<i>cr</i> ,	as in	<i>crape</i> ,	<i>crave</i> ,	<i>craze</i> ,	<i>crank</i> ,	<i>crash</i> ;
	"	<i>creak</i> ,	<i>cream</i> ,	<i>creek</i> ,	<i>creep</i> ,	<i>crook</i> .
<i>fr</i> ,	"	<i>frail</i> ,	<i>frame</i> ,	<i>freak</i> ,	<i>free</i> ,	<i>freeze</i> ;
	"	<i>friend</i> ,	<i>frost</i> ,	<i>froth</i> ,	<i>frown</i> ,	<i>fruit</i> .
<i>pr</i> ,	"	<i>pride</i> ,	<i>prize</i> ,	<i>print</i> ,	<i>prince</i> ,	<i>praise</i> ;
	"	<i>prank</i> ,	<i>prompt</i> ,	<i>prone</i> ,	<i>proof</i> ,	<i>proud</i> .
<i>tr</i> ,	"	<i>trace</i> ,	<i>train</i> ,	<i>trail</i> ,	<i>trade</i> ,	<i>tramp</i> ;
	"	<i>treat</i> ,	<i>tread</i> ,	<i>trice</i> ,	<i>trick</i> ,	<i>trill</i> .

LESSON LXVII.

Bank (bāngk), a place for keep- ing and paying out money.	Pris on (priz' zn), a jail ; a place of confinement for persons.
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MISCHIEF.

MR. EDWARD read in his paper, one evening, the story of a very bad man whose name was Oakes.

2. This bad man stole a trunk, that had a great deal of money in it; but he was soon found out in his theft. The money was sent to the bank, and Oakes went to the Tombs.

3. "Do you mean, by that, that they hung him?" said his little daughter Minnie.

4. "Oh no!" replied Mr. Edward. "The 'Tombs' is a great stone prison in New York, where they shut up fighters and thieves. It is such a gloomy-looking place, that they call it the 'Tombs.'"

5. "Well," said Minnie, drawing a long breath, "I think he ought to be sent to prison for stealing the trunk. I dare say it was the worst kind of mischief he could do."

6. "I am not so sure of that," said Mr. Edward. "He did not wish to do the man, who owned the trunk, any harm. There was no malice in his mind against anybody. He wanted some money for himself, and if he could have got it without taking it from anybody else, I suppose he would have done so."

7. "But, Minnie, when John Rough met you coming home from school last winter, and seized your bōnnet and shawl and ran öff with them, that was *malicious* mischief. He did not want the bōnnet and shawl ; but he wished you evil, and he did this trick on purpose to injure you.

8. "Now, when mischief is done on purpose to injure others, it is called malicious mischief ; and it is much worse than that which is done for the sake of gëttling something that is needed for one's self."

9. "I think so, too," said Minnie.

LESSON LXIX.

Wade , to walk through water.	Kneel'ing , bending the knee.
Ankle (ång'kl), the joint between the leg and the foot.	Purpose (për'pos), that for which any thing is done.

MISCHIEF—Concluded.

"**B**ENJAMIN FRANKLIN did some mischief once," said Mr. Edward, "when he was a boy, but it was not malicious mischief.

2. "When Franklin lived in Bōston, there was a pond on one side of the town, at a place which has löng since been filled up, and which is now covered with streets and houses.

3. "The boys used to go to this pond to fish. The shores of the pond were quite low, and at the place where the boys used to stand, it became vëry wet and muddy. To keep out of the mud and water, the boys built a piër, or wharf, to stand upon."

4. Here is a picture of Franklin and the other boys, building the pier, or little wharf.



The boy you see kneeling on the pier is Franklin himself. He has charge of the work. The other boys are bringing stones.

5. There are four boys helping him. They have their clothes turned up to keep them from gëtting wet, for, in bringing the stones, they

have to wade in the water. One of the boys is above his ankles in the water, and is bringing a stone as large as he can lift.

6. There is one stone, that they are bringing, which is too large for one boy to lift, and two have taken it between them. There is a boy with a strange cap upon his head, who is calling to the two boys who have the big stone in their hands, to bring it round to his side of the pier.

7. "I don't see what harm there was, in making a pier like that," said Minnie.

8. "The harm was in the manner in which they got the stones," said her father. "There were no stones to be found about the ground, where the pier was to be built, and the boys went a little way off where some had been left, to build a house with; and, when the workmen had gone to dinner, they took these stones and carried them down to their pier."

9. "Yes," said Minnie, "that was mischief."

10. "Yes, it was mischief," said Mr. Edward, "but it was not malicious mischief. The boys did not wish to do the workmen any harm. All they wished was to get a pier for themselves.

11. "Now, if those boys had not wished to

build a pier, but had taken the stones and thrown them into the pond, for the sake of injuring the workmen, that would have been malicious mischief, and would have been worse than taking the stones for a useful purpose."

LESSON LXX.

Reign (rân), to rule as king.

Pi'ous, having love to God.

Se rene', quiet ; calm.

Rev'erence, fear mingled
with respect and love.

Earn'est ly, eagerly.

Se ri ous, sober ; solemn.

Dis cov'ered, found out.

De vo'tions, prayers ; worship.

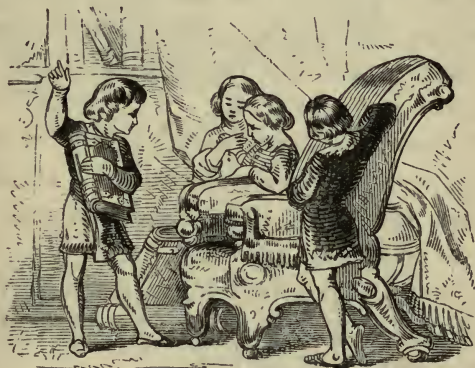
Mis'er a ble, wretched.

KING EDWARD AND HIS BIBLE.

I WILL tell you a little story about a young and good king. He was king of England more than two hundred and eighty years ago. His name was Edward, and, because there had been five kings before him of the name of Edward, he was called Edward the Sixth.

2. He was only nine years old when he began to reign. He was early taught to be good, by pious teachers, and he loved to do what they told him would please God. He had a great reverence for the Bible, which he knew contained the words of his Father in heaven.

3. Once, when quite young, he was playing with some children about his own age. Wishing much to reach something which was above his head, they laid a large thick book in a chair, for him to step on. Just as he was putting his foot upon it, he discovered it to be the Bible.



4. Drawing back, he took it in his arms, kissed it, and returned it to its place. Turning to his little playmates, he said, with a serious face, "Shall I dare to tread under my feet that which God has commanded me to keep in my heart?"

5. This pious king never forgot his prayers. Though the people with whom he lived were ever anxious to amuse him, and show him some new thing, they never could induce him to omit his daily devotions.

6. One day he heard that one of his teachers was sick. Immediately, he retired to pray for him. Coming from his prayers, he said, with a cheerful countenance, "I think there is hope that he will recover. I have this morning earnestly begged of God to spare him to us."

7. God did spare the teacher's life. After he became well, he was told of this; and he very much loved the young king, for remembering him in his prayers.

8. Edward the Sixth died when he was sixteen years old. He was beloved by all, for his goodness and piety. His mind was calm and serene in his sickness.

9. If you are not tired of my story, I will tell you part of a prayer which he used often to say, when on his dying bed.

10. "My Lord God, if thou wilt deliver me from this miserable life, take me among thy chosen. Yet not my will, but thy will, be done. Lord, I commit my spirit unto thee. Thou knowest how happy it were for me to be with thee. Yet, if thou shouldst send me life and health, grant that I may truly serve thee."

11. Children, you should do like King Edward, reverence your Bible, and love to pray to God.



LESSON LXXI.

Conned, studied.

Mused, thought over ; studied.

Draught, any thing drank.

Live long (liv' long), long in passing.

Skep' tic, one who doubts the truth of the Bible.

A non', again and again.

Pon' der ing, thinking over.

Chat' ted, conversed pleasantly.

Wel' come, acceptable ; pleasing.

Trav' el er, one who passes from place to place.

THE CHILD AND THE SKEPTIC.

A LITTLE girl was sitting beside a cottage-door,

And with the Bible on her knee, she conned its pages o'er,

When by there passed a traveler, that sultry summer-day,

And begged some water, and a seat, to cheer him on his way.

2. "Come in, sir, pray, and rest awhile," the little maiden cried ;

"To house a weary traveler is mother's joy and pride."

And while he drank the welcome draught,
and chatted merrily,

She sought again the cottage-door, the Bible on her knee.

3. At length refreshed, the traveler, a skeptic he, uprose :

"What, reading still the Bible, child? your lesson, I suppose."

"No lesson, sir," the girl replied, "I have no task to learn ;

But often to these stories here with joy and love I turn.'

4. "And wherefore do you love that book, my little maid, I pray,

And turn its pages o'er and o'er the live-long summer-day?"

"Why love the Bible, did you ask?—how angry, sir, you look !

I thought that everybody loved this holy, precious book."

5. The skeptic smiled, made no reply, and pondering, traveled on,

But in his mind her answer still rose ever
and anon :

“I thought all loved the holy book”—it was
a strange reply ;

“Why do not I then love it too?” he whis-
pered with a sigh.

6. He mused, resolved, examined, prayed ; he
looked within, above ;

He read, acknowledged *it*, the truth, and
worshiped *Him*, the love.

A nobler life from that same hour the skept-
tic proud began,

And lived and labored may a year a Bible-
loving man.

EXERCISE IN ARTICULATION.

SUB-TONIC AND A-TONIC COMBINATIONS.

<i>sm</i> ,	as in	<i>smack</i> ,	<i>smash</i> ,	<i>smart</i> ,	<i>small</i> ,	<i>smell</i> ;
	“	<i>smile</i> ,	<i>smite</i> ,	<i>smith</i> ,	<i>smoke</i> ,	<i>smooth</i> .
<i>sn</i> ,	“	<i>snail</i> ,	<i>snake</i> ,	<i>snatch</i> ,	<i>snarl</i> ,	<i>sneak</i> ;
	“	<i>sneeze</i> ,	<i>snow</i> ,	<i>snore</i> ,	<i>snuff</i> ,	<i>snug</i> .
<i>str</i> ,	“	<i>straight</i> ,	<i>strain</i> ,	<i>strange</i> ,	<i>strand</i> ,	<i>strap</i> ;
	“	<i>stream</i> ,	<i>street</i> ,	<i>stride</i> ,	<i>strife</i> ,	<i>struck</i> .
<i>sw</i> ,	“	<i>sway</i> ,	<i>swear</i> ,	<i>swarm</i> ,	<i>sweep</i> ,	<i>sweet</i> ;
	“	<i>swine</i> ,	<i>swift</i> ,	<i>swing</i> ,	<i>switch</i> ,	<i>swoon</i> .



LESSON LXXII.

WINTER.

1. *It snows. The large, soft flakes fall, one by one, through the still air, and lose themselves in the dry grass, or melt in the path and on the doorstep. Soon the snow becomes fine and falls thick and fast.*

2. *Hour after hour passes, and the grass in the meadow is hid. The doorstep is covered with a soft mat of white. The brown roof of the barn is*

concealed. The dry and leafless boughs of the garden trees bend under the weight of the winter snow.

3. The horses are in the warm stable. Men are milking the cows under the sheds. The sheep in the pasture are moving toward the barn, and the lambs gambol after them. The old house-dog marches slowly through the strange covering of earth. He shakes the flakes of snow from his long ears, and seeks his dry bed in the kennel.

4. In a few days the cold weather sets in. The air is keen and frosty. The white breath of winter is on the window-panes. The sharp north wind bites your ears, your nose, and your fingers, and almost chills your blood. The water in the brooks is frozen hard, and the ponds and rivers are covered with thick ice.

5. In pleasant weather, you loved to wander in the fields and the woods, and were tempted to play the truant; but now, you are glad to go to school. As you hear the fierce winds blow, and, looking out of the window, see the snow fly, the thoughts of the cold almost make your teeth chatter. You lean cheerfully over your book and learn your task.

6. When Saturday comes, if you have been

good, and learned your lessons well, your parents will allow you to coast with your playmates. You draw your sleds up to the top of a high hill, in the field, and then start them, all at once, to see which will go furthest and be down first. Your sled goes so fast over the hard and smooth snow, that it almost takes away your breath.

7. You sometimes go to the river or pond to see the large boys skate. How smooth and bright the ice is! How fast they go on their skates! Some boys skate backward, some slide a great distance on one skate, and others cut letters and figures on the ice.

8. You and your little sister ride to town with your parents, in the sleigh. The sleigh slips so smoothly over the snow that it makes no noise. The bells tinkle merrily, and you are so very happy, that you don't once think of the cold air.

9. On a winter's night, you like to sit up and hear pleasant stories. Sometimes you read a fine book, or study the lessons your teacher gave to you. Then you have nice apples and nuts to eat. You throw the shells of the nuts into the fire, and as you sit watching the strange shapes

they make on the bright coals, you fall asleep in your chair.

LESSON LXXIII.



THE CHILDREN AT THE OAK.

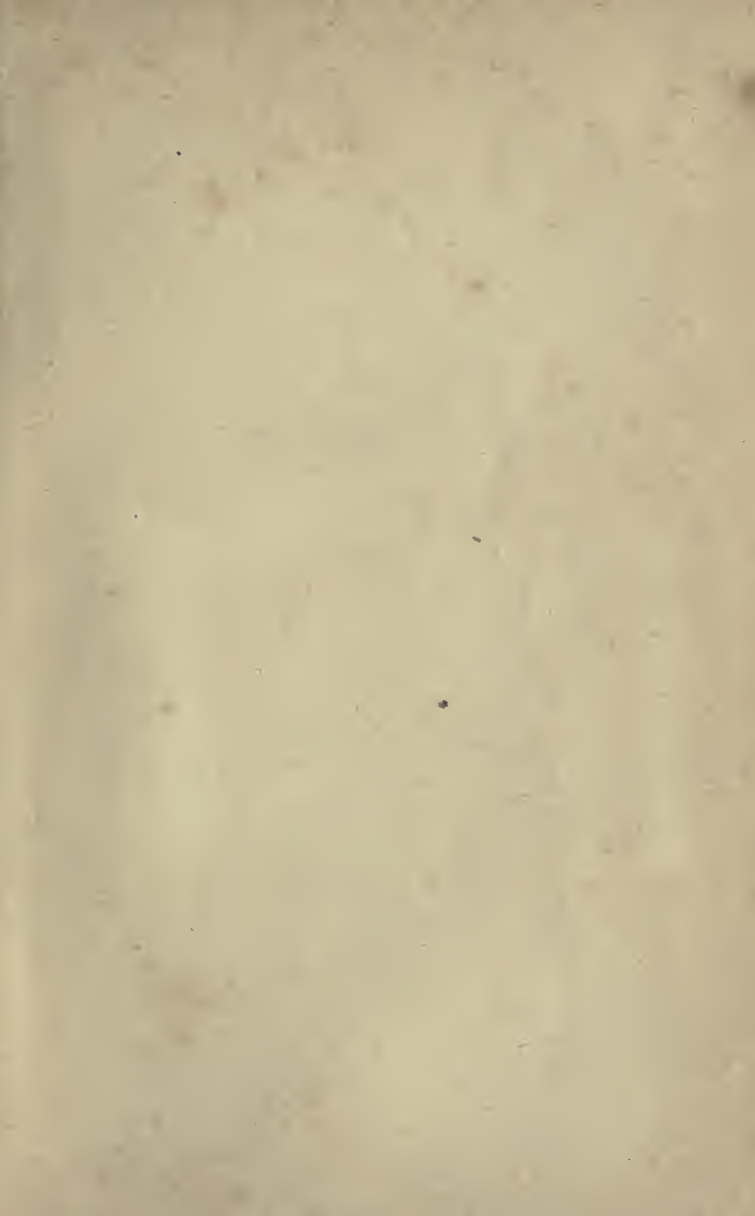
1. *Beneath an old oak's leafy shade,
In careless infant glee,
Three little children sat, and played,
Or chased about the tree.*

2. *So light and airily they went
With each a beaming face,
The grass beneath their footsteps bent,
Sprang back and took its place.*
3. *The flowers they'd plucked and carried there,
Lay scattered all around,
And spread their odors on the air,
While they adorned the ground.*
4. *As round the tree they ran and leapt,
Those gladsome little boys
Upon the last year's acorns stepped,
And gathered them for toys.*
5. *When down they sat to count them o'er,
Beneath those branches high,
That once the pretty playthings bore,
An aged man drew nigh.*
6. *His hair was white ; his eye was dim ;
So slow his way he made,
The children, rising, ran to him,
And led him to the shade.*
7. *When, braced against the firm old oak,
And leaning on his staff,
He listened, while the prattlers spoke,
And joined their childish laugh.*

8. *He said, "My children dear,
Take each an acorn sound,
And, though an old man's word you hear,
Go hide it in the ground.*
9. *"For every one a future oak
Contains within its shell;
And when the germ its sheath has broke,
'Twill peer from out the cell.*
10. *"My father, when a playful child
But in his seventh year,
An acorn from the forest wild
Brought out and planted here.*
11. *"Thence rose the good old tree, which thus
Throws wide its leafy vail,
And stands, while overshadowing us,
A witness to my tale.*
12. *"When, feeling life's swift years were spent,
He saw its end appear,
He asked to have his monument
The oak he planted here.*
13. *"And now, beneath this grassy mound
In nature's beauty dressed,
Which you have scattered flowers around,
His hallowed ashes rest."*

14. *The speaker ceased ; when, quick and mute,
Each listener stepped apart ;
In earth to lay the oaken fruit,
As faith lay in his heart.*

THE END.





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